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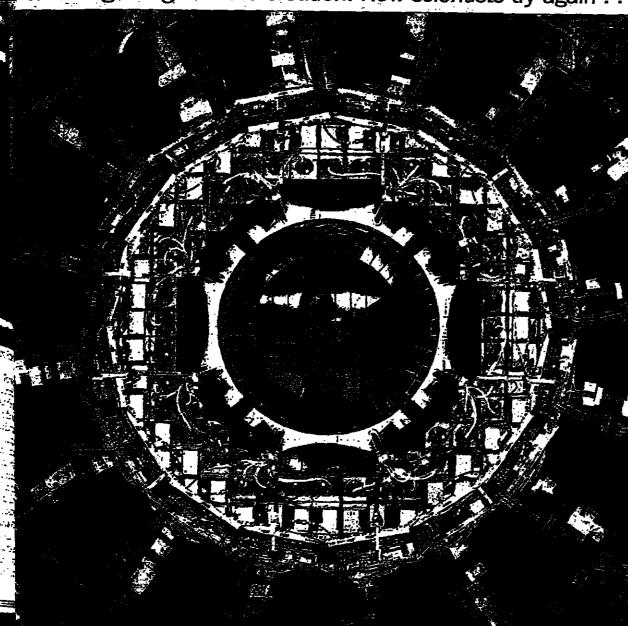
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Finally they are ready to restage the birth of time

VARLES ARTHUR ence Correspondent

Universe is a few days vay from its second Big Bang though this one will be more odest than the first, 15 billion ars ago, which brought everying into existence. This time, comple of particles that survive r a few billionths of a second The repeat is scheduled for

onday, and will occur about metres below the Jura othills near Geneva, as part a series of experiments in the rticle scoelerator operated by 2RN, the European labora-ry for particle physics. But instead of a whole Uni-rse, CERN's scientists will be

ppy - in fact, oversoyed - to cate some particles that have ver been observed, though -y have been predicted by they for years. They hope the ex-

will produce a particle known missing links in the enormous cast of subatomic particles predicted by theory. This belongs to a class of particles known as "supersymmetrical" (because of their mathematical properties rather than their shape) and theory suggests that they play a

crucial - if clusive - part in sub-

atomic physics. Discovering a chargino "would be a major discovery that would reveal a new facet of nature," said Chris Llewellyn-Smith, CERN's director, yes-

However, the 400-strong team on the Large Electron-Positron Collider (LEP) must first create conditions similar to those an instant after the Big Bang - the moment when the Universe came into being. In the superhot, superdense environment that existed then, super- ered, it would help to tie to-

calibration tests this weekend, symmetrical particles could gether strands of theoretical will produce a particle known have existed fleetingly as sepaas a "chargino" - one of the rate objects. As the Universe expanded and cooled, they became inseparable con-stituents of ordinary matter.

CERN'S LEP will recreate

those early conditions by accelerating beams of electrons and their antiparticle, positrons, almost to the speed of light around the 26-kilometre accelerator buried near Geneva. The beams will be whirled in opposite directions around the accelerator, gaining energy until they are brought together in a reaction chamber, where they wili annihilate each other in a pure blast of energy. Instanta-neously, the energy density in the chamber will echo that one ten-billionth of a second after

the Big Bang - and so should allow the re-creation of the particles that were able to exist then. If the "chargino" is discov-

physics which have for years attempted to link the four forces of nature - electrical, gravitational, the "strong" nuclear force (which holds the nuclei of atoms together) and the "weak" nuclear force (which allows particles called neutrinos to in-

teract with other matter). "Supersymmetrical particles connect them all," said Dr Llewellyn-Smith. "It would be one of the greatest discoveries." If it happens, it would make up for one of CERN's most embarrassing discoveries a fortnight ago: two empty Heineken beer

bottles which had reached the parts that beer should not reach. The bottles were found in the high-vacuum tube of the accelerator, after earlier calibration tests had puzzlingly produced no results at all. This, it turned out, was because the particle beams had been absorbed by

Blair flies into a Scottish storm

ity to a conventional and con-servative definition of sover-

eignty. He said his legislation

on Scotland and Wales would

clude "a clear statement .

ssembly or parliament". By those words and by re-

visiting taxation through a ref-

erendum they must expect to

lose, Mr Blair and his advisers

have in effect subverted the

Convention and the leftish

Scottish political establish-

ment it embodied. No wonder

the Scottish anger matters much less than blumting the at-

tack of English Conservatives.

And in the short term, it is probably the right tactical judgement; the retreat on

Scottish Home Rule makes

Blair seem more conservative

on the one big area where he had before looked radical.

Never dangerous, he now

sembly will be seen as a damp squib. That failure would split

the Scottish Labour Party, help the SNP and further

destabilise the Union. It feels,

in short, like a clever London

fix that is just a little too

But that carries its own, longer-term dangers. It makes it likelier that the Scottish as-

looks even safer.

clever to work.

Blair's judgement is that

they are furious.

of the sovereignty of Parliament." Westminster would merely establish "a subsidiary

COLIN BROWN

Chief Political Correspondent

lony Blair put the credibility of his leadership of the Labour Party on the line last night after telling Scottish activists his decision to go for a referendum on devolution was a mark of

toughness, not a betrayal.

He faced a fresh charge last night that he had reneged over a declaration signed by the cross-party Constitutional Convention that sovereignty should be given to the Scottish people. The SNP and Liberal Democrats accused him of dumping that promise with a commitment in his Edinburgh speech that the devolution Bill will contain a clear statement "of the overeignty of Parliament". As Mr Blair was threatened

with a growing revolt, Jim Wal-lace, the Liberal Democrat spokesman, said his assertion of Westminster parliamentary sovereignty over the Scottish people was "yet another attempt to sure Tory Middle England". Shell-shocked Labour sup-

porters held back their anger, but Mr Blair's retreat from his commitment to a tax-raising parliament, in the face of a Tory onslaught over a "Tartan Tax" was seen as the biggest test he has faced since ditching Labour's Clause IV commitment on public ownership.
The shifts of policy by

Labour have been so great that the Tory Party leadership privately admitted last night it was having to change its own strategy for dealing with Mr Blair. It is dropping the claims that Labour has not changed and plans an offensive over allegations that Mr Blair has shown "weakness" by backing off. They claimed there would be more retreats by Mr Blair on the European Social Chapter, and the European single cur-rency. John Major said Mr Blair had "buckled at the first whiff of grapeshot. I think this is the first of many retreats."

Mr Major will discuss the Government's strategy for making the most of the uncertainty in the Labour ranks at a special political meeting of the Cabinet on Monday.

The centre-piece of Mr Major's fight back against Mr Blair will be the Tories' charge that Labour is threatening to tear apart the union. That may

has found that offering deep dis-

12 months - has proved a dou-

ble-edged sword

eferendums are a good way of allowing the people to choose diwas right to go for one on Scottish devolution. But in adding a second question, about pow-ers to tax, the Labour leader made it clear that he comes not to praise Home Rule for Scotland but to bury it. This is a momentous change in Labour policy, however dis-guised. Labour MPs are ad-

nitting privately that they do not expect that the Scots, or anyone else, would go out of their way to vote explicitly for a tax-raising power. Is that not the whole point? On this basis, any potentially difficult policy can be dropped simply by promising a post-electoral referendum before it is introduced. What about one for the whole UK on income tax?

Yet Mr Blair has defended the need for a tax-raising Scot-tish Parliament, for instance in his John Smith memorial lecture in February. Then he approvingly quoted an old Conservative briefing which said it would "impart a financial discipline as well as enabling the Assembly to nnovate, establish new priorities and develop neglected fields." Quite right: the power to tax is what marks a proper parliament from a mere

Bland the do se not stop soverish right of the Scottish peole is der emine the form of gyert-meni best suited to their seeds". Yesterday Blair retreated from this bold clar-

begin to pick up votes for the Tories in the South, and it could be that threat which yesterday led Mr Blair to reassert the authority of Westminster. Mr Blair insisted that a ref-

erendum on the tax issue would "nail forever" the Tory lie that Labour was imposing a Tartan Tax on the people of Scotland. "I have done it because if we are not prepared to take those

tough decisions in Opposition. we will never win the trust of the people," he said.
"Better to get the hard deci-

Harvey Nicks art Mortgage war abates Further dramatic evidence of In a move which could revoluthe housing market recovery tionise the way art is sold in emerged with the Bradford & Britain, the London depart-Bingley Building Society scrap-ping its one-year mortgage disment store Harvey Nichols is to sell original works of art priced counts, and urging other banks and societies to follow suit. It at under £300

Labour pension plans counts in the first year of up to 6 per cent - enabling customers The Labour Party vesterday published its plans for future to enjoy a virtual "freebie" for pension policy shorn of any fino commitments Page 2

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Corruption case reveals rot at heart of the Met

SON BENNETTO me Correspondent

e police service was rocked derday after an officer was led for 11 years in one of the gest corruption scandals for

ohn Donald, 37, a former ective constable at the Metolitan Police force's Renal Crime Squad, was wicked at the Old Bailey of Esected information which sed several investigations ollapse and compromised vi-Police operational units. the conviction also raises disquestions about a police which allowed a low

ranking officer to obtain confi-dential data with apparent ease. It was only after an investigation by the BBC TV's Panorama programme that the high

level corruption was exposed. Mrs Justice Heather Steel told Donald that he had "betrayed the trust of both your colleagues, superiors and the public on a massive scale.

The sentence must reflect the public concern that, as a police officer, you misused and abused your position of responsibility and trust. It must not only punish you, but deter any other police officer who may be similarly tempted," she warned.

The judge also jailed Don-

ald's paymaster, Kenneth Cressey, to seven years for providing the bribes.

Donald, who was described as a top drugs officer and the backbone of his team, had been motivated by greed. He had fi-nancial problems and more than half his income was going in support for his former wife. He had also been seduced by

and envied the lifestyle enjoyed by "those who live outside the law Donald had admitted taking or agreeing to accept bribes for

information about undercover police operations. Cressey, 38, from Ditton. Kent, was convicted yesterday

for giving or offering Donald more than £60,000 for information and other help. After the case yesterday

Commander Roy Clark, regional co-ordinator of the South East Regional Crime Squad, (Sercs) said in a statement: Donald was more than corrupt. he committed acts of treachery beyond belief. He sold operational secrets to those involved in organised crime that put the

lives of police officers at risk. "By doing this he became part of the criminal underworld which the public had paid him to combat. The damage he has done to the efforts

of policing and in particular to

considerable." The judge said Donald's

"greatest betrayal was to offer to provide Cressey with information to pass on to two international criminals. Michael Lawson and Kenneth Nove". who were subjects in an Anglo-American police investigation into drug running. The trial followed a raid in

south London in September 1992 in which Cressey was arrested and a bag containing 52kg of cannabis resin was

Cressey was charged with possessing the cannabis resin with intent to supply. Although

he was convicted vesterday of the corruption charges the jury failed to reach a verdict on the drugs allegations and he faces

a retrial on that charge.
The pair's corrupt activities included one deal when, for £10,000, Donald agreed to provide Cressey with sensitive information about two of his associates, Kenny Noye and Michael Lawson.

Catching corruption, page 4



The Labour leader, who was booed and beckled when he entered the hall at Edinburgh University, acknowledged he was taking a risk over a refer-endum on devolution for Wales and Scotland with a separate question for Scots voters on whether they want it to have taxDo ca

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risks had to be taken.

Last night, the party's Scottish executive swung behind the
leader, backing the referendum by 20 votes to 4. John
McAllion, the Labour MP who
resigned as Scottish constituresigned as Scottish constitutional affairs spokesman, said: This change to the policy has been imposed on the party without consultation, without dehate and without the opportunity to influence or to change that decision. It is not, therefore, Labour Party policy.

"I accept that it is the role of spokesman to articulate and to promote party policy, even where they personally disagree with that policy. But I repeat -

this is not party policy."

Mr Blair offered an olive branch to Mr McAllion, saying he could rejoin the front bench or become a minister in a Labour government. Mr McAllion said he would not desert Labour for the SNP, but he angrily objected to the authoritarian style of Mr Blair's

John Prescott, the deputy leader, defended the plan for a referendum as a means of ensuring a future Tory government could not "unpick" the devolution legislation, which is to be introduced in the first 12 months of Labour taking office

Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, accused the Labour leader of a "sell out", and Mr Wallace accused Mr Blair of tearing up the Convention declaration on the sovereign right of the Scottish people.

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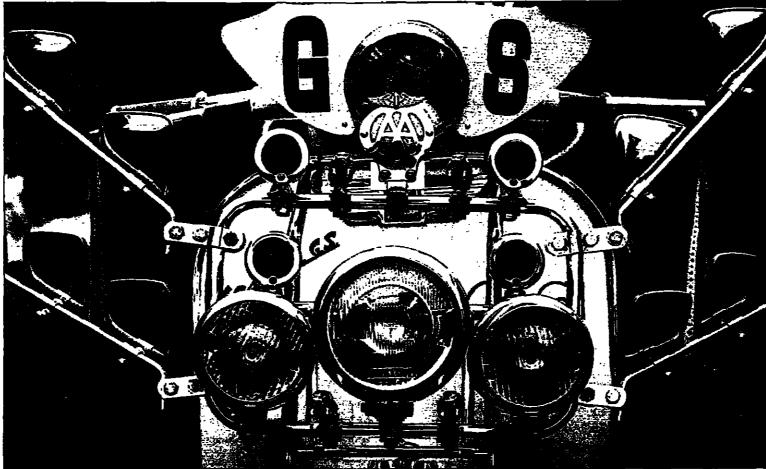
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Old rock and rollers never die. They don't even fade away. They just retire and come back in style, writes David Lister. Today's concert in Hyde Park in front of 150,000 people is one of the better examples of time warp concerts. The Who (retired 1989) are re-forming for the premiere live performance of their rock opera Quadrophe-nia (composed 1973).

In one of the strongest line ups for years they are joined by Bob Dylan and Eric Clapton, and - representing more contemporary tastes — Alanis Morisette.

The concert to raise money for The Prince's Trust also features a band of unemployed young people, trained at The Prince's trust rock school for all of a week.

The price of tickets at the Mastercard sponsored gig are



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Top gear: The Sixties' Vespa being used for today's performance of Quadrophenia by The Who in Hyde Park, London

Photograph: Brian Harris

Labour plan angers pensioners

Labour yesterday published its increasing prosperity of the naplans for future pension policy shorn of any firm spending commitments.

They brought an assessment from Paul Johnson, a specialist at the independent Institute of Fiscal Studies, that in terms of broad outline and firm commitments, Labour's policy now was "little different from the Government's".

The package brought a warn-ing from Jack Jones, President of the National Pensioners' Convention, that a determined effort would be made at this year's Labour party conference to restore the link between pensions and earnings which Labour had promised at the last

Chris Smith, Labour's social security spokesman, insisted Labour's plans would offer new security in retirement as the purty said its "over-arching objective" was to ensure that all pensioners "share fairly in the

Labour's package includes a "wish to put in place" a new form of funded second-tier pen-SERPS, the State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme, and personal pensions.

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Policy is 'little different' from Tories, says Nicholas Timmins

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sions.could include The pe to run a limited number of multi-employer and industry-wide schemes, operating under "individual servings accounts" allowing people to top up their ba-

sion as an alternative both to. Government-devised rules, sic contribution with savings that Labour believes that such a could be used for pensions or other purposes, although tax treatment of those is undecid-

> For the poorest pensioners, income support may become a "pension entitlement" with sim

records used to help identify the low wage 600,000 poorest pensioners who The ba are entitled to income support but do not claim it. If completely successful, that could add around £500m to

public spending, although Mr Smith claimed the money, in theory, was already in the Garernment's budget.

It will "keep under review" the idea of a guaranteed minimum pension and will consider paying contributions into SERPS for carers and those on

Conservatives peg back deficit in the polls

The Conservatives have trimmed Labour's lead this nth in both opinion polls and the projection based on coun-cil election results – with the latest indication that it was not all down to early success for England in Euro 96.

The average opinion poll fig-ure showed Labour, with a 22.5

per cent lead, had slipped 2.5 per cent compared with May, but surveys by NOP in the Sunday Times and Mori in the Times this week show a 6 per

cent drop over the month. Analysis by Mori suggested the Tory boost could have resulted from a "feel-less-bad" factor after England's soccer

Weather forecast

triumphs against Holland and Spain. But the evidence from shows little sign of a plunge for Mr Major after Wednesday's defeat by Germany

A projection of 21 comparable results over the month, covering more than 30,000 votes cast, puts Labour ahead by

14.5 per cent, down from 16 per cent in May.

The figure is almost identi-cal for the seven contests that took place last Thursday - despite three Labour seat gains. The latest indicators put Conservatives above the psychologically important 30 per cent support nationwide.

The basic state pension will remain and "at the very least" rise in line with prices, Mr Smith said, but Labour is refusing to say that it would rise in line with earlings. An inde-pendent body, which will include pensioners, will monitor Labour's performance, he

The package was greeted as "fundamentally disappointing" by Help the Aged for its lack of firm commitments. A Tory spokesman said that Labour, in reality, planned to raise pensions in line with earnings and introduce a guaranteed minimum pension.

Paul Johnson of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, said the proposals as far as they went were "perfectly sensible". But, he added, while "radically different" to Labour's 1992 manifesto commitments - a £5 and £8 rise in pensions, and restoration of their link to earnings - "they leave not a lot of difference be tween the Conservatives and Labour.

Jack Jones said "Tappreciate the sincerity of Chris Smith", but when single pensioners had become £23 a week-worse off and couples £37 worse off since the earnings-link was broken in 1980 it was, he said, "essential" that the link was restored and that "some compensation" was made for that loss.

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

uhe travellers face a second 24-hour strike next Wednesday after drivers' leaders rejected a call to go to

The executive of Aslef renewed its threat to continue indistrial action in pursuit of a claim for a shorter working week after turning down an invitation by management to take the dispute to the industry's wages board. Further stoppages are planned for 8 and 16 July.

Lew Adams, general secretary of the union, si id: "The issue is very clear. London Underground promised a short-

issue is very clear. London Underground promised a short-er working week last year and has now reneged on the deal. There is no need to arbitrate on that."

At the Royal Mail postal workers began clearing a back-log of millions of letters built up during a day-long national stoppage which ended at noon yesterday. Leaders of the Communications Workers' Union are due to resume pay and productivity negotiations on Monday. Barrie Clement.

Cumman Thomas Hamilton may have killed himself in innalistic fashion after carrying out the massacre he had planned for months, the 23rd day of the Dunblane in mirrors told

the assessment was given by a forensic psychologist Pro-fessor David Cook, who said the way Hamilton took his own life—switching weapons to a 357-revolver, after killing 16 children and their teacher with a Rowning 9mm semiautomatic pistol.—had ritual evertones: I would speculate that he formed the [snicide] intention before he killed the other people. The inquiry was adjourned until next week when evidence will be heard from one more witness and lawyers will deliver their final submissions.

abour is planning an ambush to inflict a damaging de-feat on the Government over the plans by Michael Por-tillo, the Defence Secretary, for the £1.55m sale of armed forces married quarters.

Senior Labour sources confirmed that the Opposition is lanning to force a vote on the issue before the recess. They will be challenging Tory dissidents to vote with Labour to defeat the plan. A defeat on a Labour motion opposing the sale would be embarrassing for the Government but would not halt the sale, which is expected to be confirmed in the next formight with the naming of a buyer, which could be a Japanese bank. However, the Govern-ment is also facing a second defeat over the scheme on an amendment by Baroness Parks, a Tory peer, to the Housing. Bill in the Lords, which would put the deal off for a year to allow more consultation

A judge was remanded on ball by magistrates at Bow Street court, central London, yesterday charged in

connection with a 1980s mortgage fraud.

Richard Gee, 55, is accused of trying to defraud building societies and mortgage lenders of "hundreds of thousands" of pounds. He sat at Middleser Guildhall Crown Court in Westminster until he was suspended last November following his arrest in connection with the fraud inquiry. A statement issued by his solicitors said: "Having fully cooperated with a seven-months investigation, Judge Gee is surprised that the Crown Prosecution Service have come to the decision to prosecute him. But now that this decision has been made, he looks forward to clearing his name."

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A yesterday after spending nearly 10 hours drifting in the North Sea with a Booded engine room.

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owns in in the south east, long regarded as Britain's inost prosperous region, have become the "worst pertorning" retail locations, according to a new report.

Investment Property Databank, found that the worst performing town of the 232 locations covered was Epsom in Surrey, where rental returns fell by 1.1 per cent between 1992 and 1995. Other towns at the bottom of the table are

Romford (up 1.4 per cent) Watford, (up 1.7 per cent), Dorking, (2.1 per cent), and Sevenoaks, (3.6 per cent). The list is headed by St Andrews in Scotland, site of the historic golf course, where rental values rose by 18.8 per cent over the three years to 1995. In second place was Birmingham (up 17.9 per cent), followed by Middlesbrough (17.4 per cent), and Inverness (17 per cent).

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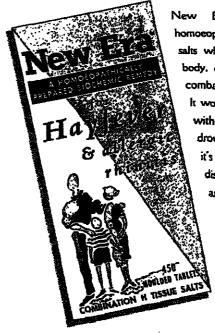
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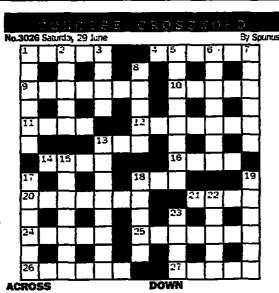


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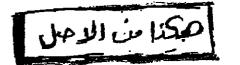
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A British class match on centre court

JAMES CUSICK

English hope and triumphalism,

sunk in North London on Wednesay night, resurfaced in South West London yesterday. After more than half a century of British famine two homegrown male players walked out on to the Centre Court at Wimbledon, their very presence making redundant the old joke "If they're British it can only be

The differing backgrounds of the two contestants, Tin Henman and Luke Milligan, is

a partial success for the Lawn Tennis Association's struggle to attempt to drag their sport out of the safety of the suburban middle classes.

One LTA official, delighted at seeing two Brits centre stage on one of the world's great showcourts, said: "They've been looking for another Fred Perry for 50 years. There's been a few Busters, the odd Jeremy, a Roger or two but no Freds." Henman, 21, as his coach

David Felgate believes, "is the genuine article". Wimbledon 96 will take him into the world's

top-ranked 50.

In tennis terms Henman is a pedigree prospect. His greatgrandmother Ellen Stawell-Brown was the first woman to serve overarm at Wimbledon, last playing in the women's doubles in 1905. His grandfather, Henry Billington, reached the third round of the men's singles in 1948, 1950 and 1951. Junior Wimbledon was a regular venue for three of his children including Jane, Tin Henman's mother, herself a player re-garded as a talented young

From the privileged sur-roundings of Oxford's elite of Tottenham Hotspur and a Dragon School to boarding at Reeds Public School in Cobham, Surrey as part of a tennis scholarship Henman has all the credentials of a would-be

Luke Milligan, still only 19 and ranked 278 in the world, has on the other hand the background that tennis seemed to

At 10 Milligan began play-ing the game at Our Lady of Muswell Hill School club. In-

devotee of the music of Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix. To relax he plays the drums loudly. But according to Nick Imison of the LTA: "He came out of the blue to win the U-16 na-

tional title." Unlike Henman there is no mention of tennis in his family tree. His father Jim is a London ab driver and before this week his son's highest pay cheque was £2,000 (Henman's total is over \$300,000). Even losing in the third round guarantees £15,900.

tionals Milligan left school to concentrate on his tennis.

The contrasting backgrounds of Henman and Milligan have stirred the memories of the elderly in tennis's inner sanc-

One said: "Remember. Fred Perry's initial fame was playing table tennis. He was the son of a northern Labour MP. not very privileged. The toffs at the All England Club didn't like him that much. Nor him them.



The man with the golden touch

STEVE BOGGAN

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The man who brought Pussy Galore to the screen, gave new meaning to the word "explosion" and made gadgetry the stuff of the big box office died resterday, not in the violent nner of one of his cinematic bad guys, but peacefully, at his Beverly Hills home. Albert R "Cubby" Broccoli,

producer of 17 Bond films from Dr No to Goldeneye, died in his sleep after a series of heart

problems. He was 87. The film world was quick to praise a man whose titles have grossed more than \$1bn in a career spanning 58 years. Honor Blackman, who

played Pussy in Goldfinger, said of him: "He was a lovely man. He was always the gentle, kindly uncle of the Bond films. You always felt you could go to Cubby about any problem and the would understand."

Broccoli himself wrote: From the first I knew Bond was forever." When Goldfinger, Broccoli and co-producer Harny Saltzman's second Bond spovie, broke all box office

'Cubby is dancing in the streets ... Harry is on the phone doing a deal

records, an associate told a calling journalist: "Cubby is cancing in the streets... Harry's on the phone doing a deal." coli split many years later, once escribed their relationship thus: "We have a kind of chemitry that gels. We fight with the distributors, we fight with the agents, and we fight with each

Broccoli was born in Long Island, New York, the son of Italin farming immigrants. He moved to Hollywood in 1938 after abandoning life as, first, a market gardener and, lat-

ther. We're real professionals."

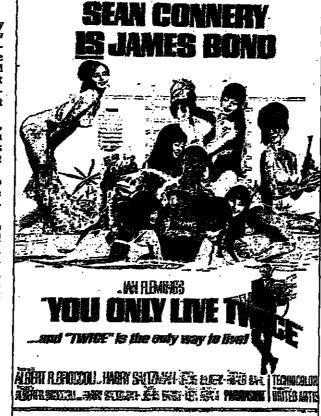
er, a funeral director. His ancestors are credited with breeding the vegetable sat bears his name.

His first job was as an assistent director in Howard Plawkes's *The Outlaw* at Tweneth Century Fox, but he took more control after moving to Etritain in the early 1950s to set up Warwick Pictures with Irving Allen. His first film as a producer was the 1953 Red Beret, slarring Alan Ladd.

Broccoli's first big break Saltzman persuaded United Airtists to provide backing for Dr

His wife, Dana, is reported to have played no small part in the film's success.

While viewing audition films, she is said to have squealed: "Take that one! He's gorgeous!"





actor called Sean Connery was

The film was an instant success and it spawned the longestrunning sequence of action

movies to date. Among them, making lan Fleming's character James Bond a worldwide name, were From Russia With Love, Thun-

Spy Who Loved Me, and Never

ay Never Again. Among the actors who have played Bond are Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton, George Lazenby and, most recently, Pierce Brosnan.

Broccoli's company, Eon Productions, said in a statement that he had "passed away

peacefully" at his home in Bev-

A spokeswoman said he had been ill for some time. She added: "He was very much the godfather, in the best sense of

erly Hills.

word, in Bond pictures. He persuaded Ian Fleming that if he were given the rights to the films they would be in very good hands, and so it's

"He was very much the father figure of the people who worked on Bond, from the superstars like Sean Connery to

the humble plasterer." Desmond Llewelyn, who has played gadget expert Q in 15 Bond films, said: "He was a wonderful man, he really was, He was responsible for the real

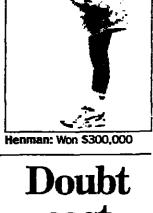
included You Only Live Twice and the latest Bond film, Goldeneye. He became the father figure of the people who worked on Bond Photograph: David James/Sygma fantastic success of the Bond

films because he was in control. "There are lots of stories of Cubby vetoing certain things that people wanted, and people grumbling and saying, 'I'm sure we ought to do this or that', but Cubby said no, and of course he

was always proved right." Broccoli was awarded the OBE in 1987 and was also named Commandeur des Arts et des Lettres by France. In 1982, he received the Irving G Thalberg Award by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which has

stepson and five grandchildren.

been held by Alfred Hitchcock, Cecil B de Mille and Walt Disney before him. He leaves two daughters, a



cast on CJD death

A coroner's verdict that a former abattoir worker with CID died from natural causes met with disbelief today. Leonard Franklin, 53, dete-

riorated from full fitness into a shambling wreck in only seven months because of Creutzfelt-Jakob Disease, a York inquest heard.

But Coroner Donald Coverdale said: "I have formed the view this is a natural disease and my verdict is one of death from natural causes." Franklin's close friend, Pat

Broadhead, said afterwards: "They don't know enough to say that. The big question of how Len caught CJD remains unan-"I don't believe it was a natural death - he really loved his

roast beef and had been an abattoir cattle herder. If it was not beef or cattle, what was it?" Franklin's former wife, Olga, 52, of Alcuin Avenue, York. said: "He loved his roast beef

and steaks and I'm convinced

that is what killed him, together with his work with cattle. "I think it should have been an open verdict if people were not 1,000-per-cent sure."

A neuropathologist, Dr Leslie Bridges, from Leeds General Infirmary, who carried out an examination on Franklin's brain, told the inquest that he had died from CJD.

It was of the "usual form", and not the new variant, he said. However, it was such a rare disease there was no statistical Franklin's work in an abattoir and the disease.

Dr Bridges said that Mr Franklin's CID was the only case involving a worker in an abattoir since 1990.

Mrs Broadhead told the inquest: "He loved meat, especially beef. He had an enormous appetite."

She said that he had gradually declined over a period of seven months. At first, he lost his balance and his sense of direction. He became unable to concentrate and suffered from

moods swings. As the months went by, he lost weight and shook uncontrollably until he died at his home in Nicholas Street, York,

last February. Mr Franklin worked at an abattoir for 10 months in 1989 but he was not involved in the

slaughter process. Scientists are still trying to

determine whether CID can be caught by eating beef that might have been infected with BSE. They are also concerned that abattoir workers might be at greater risk of developing the discase.

However, diagnosing CJD is difficult, and usually requires a post-mortem before it can be



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How the corruption of a trusted policeman was. caught on camera by TV programme's investigation

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

John Donald was an experienced, respected police officer with a taste for money. Kevin Cressey an ambitious south London wheeler-dealer. The combination resulted in one of the worst cases of police corruption for almost 20 years.

Donald, a detective constable was yesterday jailed for a total of 11 years for corruption at the Old Bailey and Cressey received seven years'.
The conviction of both men

has sent shock waves through worrying questions about a system in which officers are able to obtain confidential information for their own use and manipulate the criminal justice system with apparent impunity.

Since the case involving the Metropolitan Police only came to light because of an investi-gation by BBC's Panorama, there are concerns that more corrupt officers may be operating undetected. It also raises the question - would Donald still be a trusted police officer if it had

Donald's conviction has resulted in significant changes to the management structure of the South East Regional Crime complete review of informer collapse of six cases in which he which the men deny. was involved.

In addition, a major investigation into the activities of two suspects, including Kenneth Nove, who is currently being sought by police for questioning about the M25 road rage killing, has been aborted, and the national telephone tapping



The Donald case, stemmed from a raid on a flat in Streatham, south London on 1 September 1992. Cressey, then Squad (SERCS), provoked a 36, and David Fraser, the son of 'Mod' Frankie Fraser, the nohandling, the investigation of at torious East End gangster, were least eight other officers and the arrested on drugs offences,

The arresting officers were Detective Constable Donald. then aged 35, Alexander Leighton and Adrian Hodges, from the Drugs Wing of the Number 9 Regional Crime Squad (now part of the SERCS), based in Surbiton. Surrey. They had been tracking Cressey and his associates for

code named '009' and Cressey was known as 'India One'.

Days after the raid David Fraser, who had only recently completed a 15-year jail term for armed robbery, was bailed. He immediately fled to Spain, where he is still living. His extradition is being sought.

Cressey told police he could supply them with information in exchange for his own freedom. He agreed to become an informer and was, surprisingly, giv-en bail. It later emerged this was due to Donald's intervention, for which he received an £18,000 bribe from Cressey. Donald was assigned to work international police operation

with Cressey as his police han-

dler, but instead of obtaining information he soon started accepting more pay-offs, including £1,000 for a copy of Cressey's

police file and an agreement

worth £40,000 to remove and de-

stroy an incriminating surveillance log. For £1,000 Donald also agreed to hand on information, via Cressey, to Kenneth Nove, who served eight years for his involvement in Britain's biggest robbery at a Brink's-Mat London car dealer who was acquitted of his part in the Brink'scrime, about an

involving UK and US drug

agencies.

Donald was able to legitimatemation Metropolitan Police officer working at the National Crim-

inal Intelligence Service. It later emerged that Donald was also in possession of confi-dential information, including details of telephone taps and other depot, and Michael Lawson, a material which may have compromised investigations by both the NCIS and other police forces. A police investigation into the

affair is under way, and is un-

derstood to have found that

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sensitive information about surveillance on Michael Lawson. ly obtain the confidential infor-

idence was found against them. Cressey also paid £500 for Both are currently suspended from duty on unrelated mat-Donald was charged with perverting the course of justice from another and, in November 1995 during his Old Bailey trial, at which the jury were placed under 24-hour police protection, he admitted-

to four charges of corruption. guilty plea, several people who were in jail contacted the police to claim they had been fitted up by the disgraced officer.

These allegations were investigated by the Police Complaints Authority but none of the

cast on 27 September 1993. It

showed Cressey and Donald

meeting in a car park and mon-ey passing between them in a

carrier bag. The police only got wind of

the investigation days before it appeared on television after

they were tipped off by American FBI agents. Following the

programme, two officers. De-

tective Sergeant John Bradley from NCIS and Alexander

Leighton from SERCS, were ar-

rested and questioned by Scot-

land Yard's Complaints Investigation Bureau, but no cv-

thousands of transcribed pages of telephone taps, including some between Nove and Lawson, had leaked from the unit. But at the beginning of March 1993, Donald and Cressey's relationship soured. Cressey was charged with a serious offence and he decided to expose his corrupt new friend in the hope of saving himself.
On 22 March be contacted the BBC's Panoruma team and for the next six months they secretly recorded 14 meetings and conversations with Donald. The BBC programme "The Case of India One" was broad-

Exposés that put media in vogue

JASON BENNETTO

The conviction of a corrupt police officer is a notable and increasingly rare scalp for investigative journalism.

It took a three-strong BBC Panorama team six months of secret recording and researching to nail policeman John Donald and his paymaster, Kevin Cressey. This scale of deployment is unheard of in modern newspaper journalism

Editors rarely have the resources to spend weeks, let Following news of Donald's alone months, investigating a story which may not produce a result. They are also worried about the hefty legal costs attached to mistakenly accusing anyone of wrongdoing

The last major police cor-ruption scandal - the massive clean-out of corrupt Scotland Yard officers in the Seventies was started by allegations about officers first published in the Times in 1969. It was about this time that the Sunday Times Insight team was exposing the thalidomide scandal.

Investigative journalism became glamorous in the Seventies with Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward's Watergate revelations in the US, which eventually brought down President Nixon. Since then newspapers' desire and ability to produce big exposés has diminished.

namer successes, such as the revelations about the supergun sale to Iraq and the recent furore over each for questions in Parliament, And a small group of television and radio documentary makers have tak-

en up the investigators' mantle. Some investigative reporters, such as Roger Cook, have be-come celebrities and programmes such as World In Action, Channel 4's Dispatches, BBC's Rough Justice and Panorama and Radio 4's fuce the Facts are still prepared to spend their time on lengthy inquiries.

However, these are exceptions. Far more common are the new-style "tabloid television" inquiries, whose so-called exposés are often little more than a fist full of newspaper cuttings.

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Poorly-paid researchers employed by an ever-increasing number of television channels and companies are expected to churn out cheap and cheerful documentaries. These programmes rarely involve any detailed or new research.

The other new development is the crime re-enactment programme. The BBC's Crimewatch, and others like it, though successful in helping to catch vestigative journalism. Such shows are basically glorified police bill boards.

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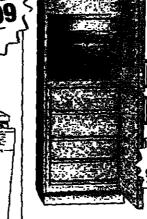
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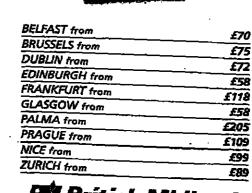




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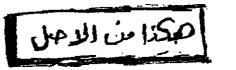
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, Lender scraps discounts on first mortgages

JOHN WILLCOCK

The end of cheap mortgages with massive first year inducements year was signalled this week when a leading lender scrapped its discounts and cash back schemes for first time

Bradford & Bingley Building Society urged other banks and societies to follow suit.

Societies are finding that offering deep discounts in the first year of up to 6 per cent - enibling customers to enjoy a virtual "freebie" for 12 months has proved a double-edged

When the housing market was still struggling to recover hist year, a 5 per cent discount on the first year of a £75,000 mortgage, cutting repayments to just £100 per month, made

But now more people are moving house, the costs of discounts and cash backs of up to £9,000 are proving too expensive for societies. The Bank of England also believes that these up-front inducements have a dangerous sting in the tail. When a 5 per cent discount ends on a £75,000 mortgage, payments in the second year almost triple to nearly £300 per month.

■ Woolwich - discount of 41 per cent up to 80 per cent of price for first-time buyers.

Abbey National - 2 per cent. off on variable rate plus 3 per

cent cash back.

Bristol & West - 0.95 per cent rate until 30 June 1997 on

The Bank believes many cus-tomers will be unprepared for the jump in payments and repossessions will follow. Bradford & Bingley says it is following advice from the Bank of England, which warned on

Thursday that lenders were falling into "some of the traps of the past" by not checking sufficiently that borrowers could afford repayments. The housing market is showing the best growth since the col-

lapse of the 1980s boom, with prices rising by around 5 per cent a year. Mortgage lending by major British banks rose 2] per cent to £2.3bn in May as a result of an increase in house sales, the British Bankers' Association said.

John Wrigglesworth, director of strategy and communications at the Bradford & Bing-

loans up to 90 per cent of price. Hincidey & Rugby - neith-ing for muc months then stan-dard variable rate. Principality - 1 per cent on-

til next July on loans up to 90 per cent of price.

Scarborough - 0.75 per cent for first year for loans up to 70

ley, said the society scrapped its first year discounts because we felt we had to take a lead. These discounts are luring customers into a false sense of security. They get a freebie in the first year and then get whacked in the second year. If general in-terest rates go up as well, they will be really stuffed."

Mr Wrigglesworth expects other building societies like the Nationwide and the Yorkshire to follow suit. He says societies should offer discounts spread over three to five years.

Analyst Rod Thomas of UBS expects the mortgage market to polarise between societies, which will offer cheaper rates to all their borrowers, and the banks, which will continue to offer inducements to first time buyers while charging existing



Football memorabilia, including photographs of the 1966 World Cup squad Nat Lofthouse and Sir Stanley Matthews signed by the players, which will be auctioned at Saffron Walden auction rooms next week

Photograph:Brian Harns

at the full trial in the autumn.

The four-year ban was even-

news

Modahl draws first blood in compensation attempt

JOJO MOYES

Diane Modahl yesterday fought off a High Court attempt by the British Athletic Federation to block her damages action. launched after she was cleared of drug-taking allegations. She will now proceed with her

had unnaturally high levels of testosterone in her body. £480,000 compensation claim

for costs incurred in challenging a four-year ban imposed by the result. BAF, after tests carried out in Lisbon in 1994 suggested she

The 30-year-old runner, who was at the High Court with her husband and coach Vicente yesterday, said afterwards she was "absolutely delighted" with the right to Olympic selection two result. "This has not

"It's very important for us to pursue this claim because I have done absolutely nothing wrong. The BAF have obviously forgotten that... and it's important that natural justice is

Mrs Modahl, who won the

been an ideal way to prepare for the Olympics and Atlanta is now just weeks away. I want to fix my mind on that. The longer this case goes on the more stressful is for me and my family."

tually lifted by an appeal tribunal and the International Athletic Federation, after experts cast doubts on the accuracy of the tests. New tests showed that bacterial levels in urine could affect The athlete, who is legally aidfestosterone measurements. ed, was told that the costs of to-

Norway walks out over demand to end whaling

Environment Correspondent

Norway's delegation walked out of the International Whaling Commission meeting in Aberdeen yesterday when a motion demanding that it cease commercial whaling immeditely was debated.

"We wanted to put down a arker, said the country's commissioner to the IWC, Kare Bryn, after leading the walk out of his delegation. "We're annoyed at the practice of making these 'We hate Norway'

Norway defies the IWC's 10 years ago. It used its right unummer 31 boats harpooned bout 400 minke whales in the orth-east Atlantic.

wrote yesterday's critical resolution. It was passed with 18 ta poses no threat to it.

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votes in favour and seven against. Mr Bryn left one member of his delegation in the meeting room to vote against the resolution. Afterwards, he made it clear that Norway would ignore the vote, carry on whaling but remain within the IWC.

"There is a debate in Norway about whether we should pull out of the IWC," he said. But the commission was founded 50 years ago to promote the rational exploitation of whale stocks, and Norway was determined to bring it back to its true

Mr Bryn said that despite his walk-out, Norway had found the whaling, which came into effect structive it had attended in more than a decade. The IWC had acder international law to make cepted an estimate of 118,000 a formal objection, and this minke whales in the north-east Atlantic - far more than had previously been thought.

Norway says this is a healthy, Britain, France and the US growing and unendangered population and its hunting quo-

The meeting also passed a vote condemning Japan's "scientific" whaling which killed 540 minkes, the smallest of the great whales, in the Antarctic and north Pacific in the past year.

Japan formally adheres to the moratorium, but exploits a loophole which allows whales to be killed for scientific research. The meat ends up being traded and eaten in Japan.

Since the late 1970s a majority of IWC member states have been anti-whaling.

James Martin Jones of the World Wide Fund for Nature said: "We are more and more worried at the way in which moratorium on commercial Aberdeen meeting the most con- Japan and Norway are getting round the moratorium and killing an increasing number of

The whaling ambitions of a tribe of North American Indians also suffered a setback yesterday, when the Makah from Washington State shelved its request to catch five Pacific grey

It takes a special kind of insurance company to rise to the challenge of the special needs of disabled drivers. So how did Motability, the charity that supplies cars to

the disabled, choose who to cover all 250,000 of their vehicles (the largest fleet contract in Europe), not to mention their own very special requirements?

They needed an insurance company who had highly sophisticated telecom technology. But also people who could deal with the special problems of disabled drivers in a sympathetic way over the phone. Which was far less straightforward.

"The way the local workforce had adapted to dealing direct gave us the confidence to look at

opportunities such as Motability." Telecommunications technology? That was easy.

Merseyside has just about the most advanced system in Europe, and with the telecom-trained staff to go with it. But it was the staff of the Royal Insurance that tipped

the balance. Not just their skills, but their attitude. Every staff member on the Motability project went on a disability awareness course (which included negotiating Liverpool City Centre in a wheelchairl) to give them the

phone to a disabled claimant, co-ordinating things like

garage repairs and emergency transport. " For Motability, fully comprehensive meant more than just policy cover it meant handling the special needs of disabled drivers. Our Merseyside staff rose to that challenge."

Adaptability and enthusiasm have been the watchwords of Merseyside for a generation. The clerical skills developed by companies like Royal insurance and Littlewoods 20 years ago are now the telephone skills of today's generation using state of the art equipment.

And look at some of the other companies investing on Merseyside- Kodak, Ford, Barclays and oil and gas exploration company, BHP.

Of course they're here for the technology. Of course they're here for the low operational costs, site availability, grants and assistance, training and two world class Universities

But in the end what makes Merseyside truly unique is the element that swayed Motability. The premium difference was the people.

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MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

arts news

The Sigane Street department store Harvey Nichols is to pioneer what it believes is an absolutely fabulous idea for revolutionising the way art is sold in Britain.

Plans are being drawn up for an "art supermarket" - to be sit-ed on the flith floor near the restaurant and food hall - offering more than 3,000 original works of art at under £300. The concept is borrowed

from Spain, where one of Barcelona's most stylish department stores, Vincon, has run a flourishing art supermar-ket for six years in a refined twist on the stack 'em high, sell 'em cheap principle.

Such is the speed and size of turnover of the paintings that the prices they sell for in galleries can be halved. Harvey Nichols - brought

into popular consciousness as the tayourite haunt of Edina and Patsy in the BBC siteom.4bsolutely Fabulous - opens its artmart on a trial basis on 18 September, and it will keep it open until the end of October.

The works, unframed to keep prices down, will be in racks, and customers will be able to leaf through them and take their selections to the till just as in poster shops.

The scheme is the brainchild of James West, a former Reuters executive, who runs an art gallery from his home in Islington, north London. He was struck by the success of the Spanish art supermarkets. which have gone from selling 300 paintings a year to 8,000 since the late 1980s.

His aim is to reduce the GOD - Girl On Desk - factor. by which people are put off browsing round galleries by the forbidding nature of the staff and decor. "There seems to be a hang up

sometimes about the way we approach art. No one has a prob-lem about going to see a film and having an opinion about it. But we put obstacles in the way by the rather cold and frigid way we sell art," Mr West says. After discussions with or-

ganisers of the Spanish supermarkets, he wrote a report detailing how the concept could work in Britain and sent it to the

Saatchis, Sir Terence Conran, Richard Branson and Harvey Nichols.

Harvey Nichols took up the idea enthusiastically. "Not only is it a wonderful opportunity for people to purchase really good works of art at extremely good prices, but also a wonderful, quirky and fun way of presenting art." says Mary Portas, the

store's marketing director.

The Harvey Nichols art supermarket will feature 50 artists from nine European countries. Although none is likely to be known to the general public, they are almost entirely well established, with gallery representation and at least five years' experience.

I don't see why this shouldn't become the normal mode by which people buy art," says Mr West. "There are an awful lot of

professionals out there for whom the idea of buying a painting for £600 to £1,000 is not really realistic. But once you offer it at the £100 to £300 level, it's the cost of a suit or a weekend away, and maybe 50 per cent of Londoners can afford it



- instead of just 5 per cent." | Coming home: Verrio's portrait of Charles II, which is returning to St George's Hall after 165 years | Photograph: Tony Buckingham

sor Castle where it started life in the 17th century.

However, the Royal Collection's description of the Antonio Verrio oil-on-plaster portrait as "a most significant acquisition" was immediately challenged by the art critic Brian Sewell, who said: "Its only, claim to fame is that it survived. Verrio was one of a tribe of dreary Italian and French artists who came over because they couldn't get work ... There has been no serious collector for the Royal Collection since Albert, the Prince Consort, and now the Queen has paid for this thing." A spokesman for the Royal Trust dismissed Mr Sewell's "cynical" comments. "At the end of the day, it is something that was in St George's Hall prior to the reign of George IV and it will go back there once the reconstruction from the 1992 fire is complete.'

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The painting was brought back to Britain by portraiting specialist Philip Mould, who are 18,000 at the Dorotheum auction house in Vienna, £7,000 over estimate. The Queen bought it for an undisclosed sum, but dealers believe its value might be as much as £300,000.

Day in the strife of TV ratings battle

Daytime television may or may not be stupidvision. It is certainly battlevision, with some nifty poaching of talent

American-born Julia Foote LeStage has jumped ship from Channel 5 - where she has been heading Thames Televi-sion's development team for the new channel - to join Channel 4 as deputy to daytime com-missioning editor Fiona Chesterton, whose curriculum vitae includes the first television interview with the Sex Pistols. John Willis, Channel 4's director of programmes says: "We need to compete more effec-tively, and distinctly, across the whole of daytime."

Mark Lamarr, who has undergone a transformation from irritating presenter of The Word to a surprisingly funny stand-up comedian, has come up with a novel way of dealing with a heckler. When said heckler walked out of his show at the Neptune Theatre, Liverpool, saying he would rather watch he comic at the Everyman, Lamarr marched out his entire audience to pursue him. The 400-strong crowd followed Lamarr through the Liverpool streets as he continued his routine en route to the Everyman. where he concluded his act in Artspeople with David Lister

live performance that television could not replicate.

Bill Kenwright, West End producer and football fan clearly didn't check his diary when he booked last Wednes



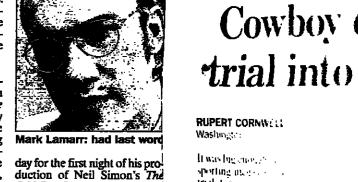
Odd Couple. clashing with England v Germany. Kenwrigh tells me he got round the problem by "putting a television set in every orifice". Down the road, the football-mad cast of Twelve Angry Men were grateful the play was only 2 hours 10 minutes long, and finished just the foyer. There's one piece of in time for the penalty shoot-out.

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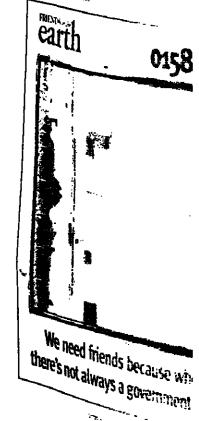


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Russia's luvvies stage show of unity for Yeltsin

TONY BARBE

Clowns, wizards, actors, popstars and Russia's equivalent of Bob Monkhouse are being rolled out by Boris Yeltsin's campaign team in a final effort to ensure the president's re-election next Wednesday.

To cries of "foul" from the camp of Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist challenger, the Russian television and entertainment industry is presenting a united front sending out the message: "Vote for Boris Nikolayevich."

The endorsements from Russia's best-loved invies are welltimed, for Mr Yeltsin himself has mysteriously dropped out of sight since last Wednesday, cancelling three campaign trips. His press spokesman, Sergei Medvedev, assured reporters that nothing was amiss, saying the president was "in good form" and had merely lost his voice after a bectic schedule.

In Mr Yeltsin's absence, the job of Inring voters has fallen to men such as Yuri Longo, a popular entertainer and self-styled wizard whose bag of tricks includes televised seances and raising the dead from a Moscow morgue. "The election is a huge psychic battle for him and this extra-sensory help is very important," the wizard opined, as the forecast a Veltin widom.

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Yuri Nikulin, a 75-year-old
clown who is one of Russia's
most admired circus acts, offered these words of support in
a television advertisement:
"Nothing human is alien to

him, and that wins my favour."
Recalling that Bill Clinton plays
the saxophone and that Mr
Yeltsin, perhaps the worse for
a tipple or two, once seized a
conductor's baton and gesticulated at a military band in
Berlin, the clown commented:
"Clinton plays sax and our
president conducts. I think it's

better to be a conductor."

Leonid Yakubovich, the Monkhouse-like host of a television game show called Field of Miracles, has joined the Yeltsin bandwagon. Together with a familiar face from Russian television on Sunday mornings, Yuri Nikolayev, he took off he took off from a Moscow airport last Thursday in an aircraft covered in banners proclaiming "Yeltsin is Our President".

In an extravaganza funded largely by a pro-Yeltsin advertising agency, Premier SV, the two television personalities are flying to five cities in the runup to election day and putting on shows for free. "They realise the importance of the current situation," said a Premier SV spokesman, Koustantin Likutov.

In a country where millions are absorbed with star-gazing and the paranormal, something would be wrong if the Yeltsin team had not secured the thumbs-up from a leading astrologer. One Pavel Globa, who has publicly predicted a Yeltsin victory "by a few hundred votes" and says that this year's alignment of stars resembles that of 1612-13, when Russia emerged from its politically turbulent Time of Troubles.

of defeat lies in a low turn-out on Wednesday, Mr Yeltsin's strategists are encouraging the anti-Communist youth vote with the slogan "vote or lose".

Endorsements have also flowed in from a more conservative sector of Russian society—the Cossacks. With memories still sharp of the persecution they suffered under Soviet Communism, there was little doubt the Cossacks would avoid

Mr Zyuganov like the plague.

The unashamedly pro-Yelisin line taken by Russian state television and most newspapers caused Mr Zyuganov to lodge a complaint last Wednesday with the Central Election Commission about unfair media access. He also challenged Mr Yelisin to a televised debate, a proposal that the president brushed aside by saying he would not talk with "well-fed party demagogues" and



A cyclist in 's Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands, being passed by members of the Once team – including Laurent Jalabert of Francafter they had taken their medical check-up yesterday on the eve of the Tour de France. Race preview: sport, page 20

Hitman' throws Cowboy drugs

*trial into chaos

RUPERT CORNWELL
Washington

It was big enough news when a sporting megastar was sent to trial for cocaine possession. Yesterday that trial opened with an even greater bombshell – the arrest of a police officer involved in the case for hiring a hitman to kill Michael Irvin, ace wide receiver of America's most famous football team, the Dallas Cowboys.

The bizarre tale began last March when Irvin was allegedly found in a Texas motel room with two former topless dancers and generous quantities of co-caine and marijuana. He was arrested and charged with drug offences carrying up to 20 years in jail, and Johanie Hernandez, a much-commended member of the Dallas police force, was sub-

poenaed to give evidence.

However, Mr. Hernandez' participation in the trial is now most uncertain. On Thursday, he was himself arrested and accused of paying \$5,000 (£3,500) to an undercover agent of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration as a downpayment on a contract on Irvin's life.

According to a Dallas police spokesman, Mr Hernandez handed over the money at a meeting with the DEA officer, posing as the hitman, in the parking lot of a shopping mall. He promised to pay a further sun after the murder, which he wanted "to occur very soon".

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The rest remains a mystery.

The spokesman would give no indication of Mr Hernandez'

alleged motive. He is understood to have been scheduled as a defence witness, to testify about his relationship with Angela Renee Beck, one of the

dancers.

Whatever Mr Hernandez's involvement, the stunning turn of events makes it even less likely the Irvin trial will go ahead on time. Even before, his fame was holding up jury selection, as half the prospective jurors identified themselves as Cowboys fans and one said her daughter was "infatuated" with Irvin.

More ominous, perhaps, is the presence of the DEA. Over the last few years, in which Irvin helped the Cowboys to win three out of four Superbowls between 1993 and 1996, several players have been in trouble for drug and alcohol abuse and for mistreating women. That a federal agency is pursuing the Irvin case suggests the DEA suspects an organised drug-dealing

if convicted, Irvin, 30, could be sent to prison for up to 20 years. "I don't have anything to say," he said on Thursday evening, accompanied by five bodyguards. But his colleague, the Cowboy's legendary running back, Emmitt Smith, said: "It makes you think about things... No matter how tight the security, they got JFK, and they got Bobby Kennedy too." The former of course in Dallas.

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resigned from the force after being charged with solicitation of
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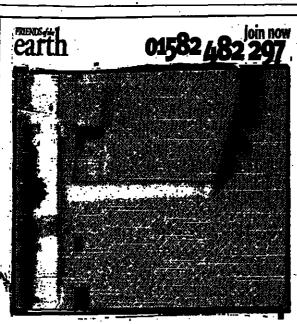
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China looks forward to levelling the score

When the original agreement was signed, 1997 seemed far, far away. Ninety-nine years was another way of saying "for ever and a day". In 1898, the signatories perhaps assumed that the British empire, eternally strong, would one day simply renew the lease. Perhaps, the end of the 20th century merely seemed too unreal to contemplate. Now, however, the chips are being called in. A year from this weekend, the bizarre "yours versations with Peking. today, ours tomorrow" deal finally comes to an end. The Union flag comes down in Hong Kong. China takes over Hong Kong once more, at midnight on 30 June 1997. It is an event which was theoretically pre-

which only now is becoming real. Until 20 years ago, little thought was given to the loom-ing date. Indeed, Margaret Thatcher hoped, when the problem was set before her, that there was some way she could reneed on the deal. She was shocked to learn that there was not.

In 1984, a sort-of agreement was reached on the future of the colony. Only recently has the pace of change suddenly speeded up as the final handover Square in Peking, a clock counts down the seconds till Hong Kong once more becomes a part of China. For the mainland Chinese – including many who are otherwise critical of the regime - that will be a moment of pure celebration. For the Hong Kongers, feelings will be

Last year of British rule begins this weekend, writes Steve Crawshaw

protest at Peking's actions.

Liberation Army moves in.

Many Hong Kongers will not

be especially sad to see the British go. The colonial pres-

modern cities in the world.

None the less, the fears of

years. Hong Kong has brought

corruption under control, Now, all but the most diehard opti-

mists believe that corruption will

increase after July 1997. Indeed,

many argue that the corruption which is widespread on the

mainland is beginning to make

The media, too, have begun

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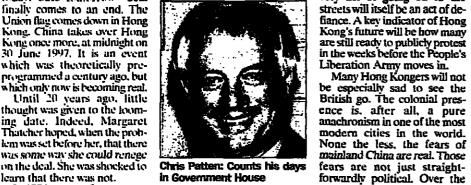
sponse to veiled - and naked -

threats from Peking. On the one hand, the media will be entirely

free, says Peking. On the other

itself felt in Hong Kong.

The British, meanwhile, have become almost irrelevant. Chris Patten, the last Governor, counts out his days in Government House. But his trips abroad are now more important than his statements at home in Hong Kong, or his (lack of) con-



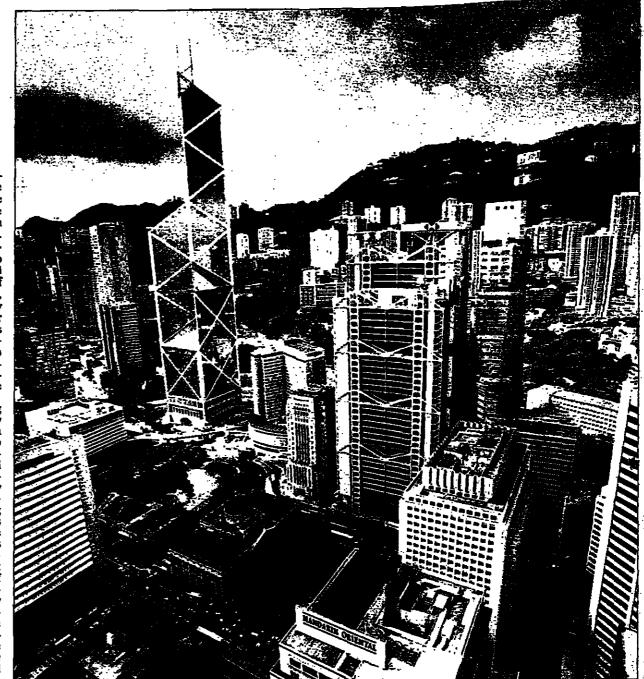
Chris Patten: Counts his days in Government House

Before the Tiananmen massacre of 1989, the return to China seemed to many Hong Kongers to be a not entirely approaches. On Tiananmen shocking option. China was opening up, and Hong Kong had been guaranteed that the new deal would provide for "one country, two systems" (this time, with a 50-year time bomb at-tached; in 2047, the two-systems deal officially runs out). But when the tanks moved down the pro-democracy demonstrators

tain topics. Faced with such unhappy contradictions, some Hong Kong journalists have concluded that there is little point continuing in their chosen went out on the streets to profession after I July next year.

In some contexts, con-Partly, these were protests in solfrontation has given way to idanity. Partly, they were protests control as China begins to feel showing concern for Hong comfortable in the role of Kong's own future. On the master-in-waiting. For years, Tiananmen anniversary this plans for Hong Kong's new airport were delayed by bitter month, tens of thousands again demonstrated. Come 1997, the arguments. Now, the tone has changed: Chinese visitors convery act of going on to the streets will itself be an act of deduct regular inspections to crack the whip. Peking has be-gun to regard the airport pro-ject as its own: ergo, it must be fiance. A key indicator of Hong Kong's future will be how many are still ready to publicly protest in the weeks before the People's finished fast.

The majority of Hong Kong businessmen remain friendly to Peking, on the assumption that Peking will be kind to those who make money. Meanwhile, however, the electoral success of the outspoken Democrats, who have been sharply critical of Peking's policies, suggests that ordinary Hong Kongers are not necessarily as indifferent to politics as they are sometimes portrayed. China is determined to freeze the Democrats out of the political. But the policy could yet backfire. If Hong Kongers do protest pub-licly that might set a dangerously subversive example. If the mainlanders were ever to follow the Hong Kongers' example of going out on the street, then the authorities in Peking might rue the day that they ever pressed for the honouring of the impe-



Sky high: Hong Kong businessmen remain on friendly terms with Peking on the assumption that Peking will be kind to those who make money, but many are worried about the spread of corruption from the mainland Photograph: John Voos

Britain takes down its symbols and packs up its secrets

STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong

When the Union flag is hauled down from Government House, just before the stroke of midnight on 30 June 1997, Britain will have had an unprecedented 13 years to plan its exit from the last remaining major colonial possession.

Most of this time has been taken up with issues which do leaving an inevitable last-minute sweep the premises clean of incriminating material. Hardly surprisingly, one of

the first really big pieces of hardware to leave was the Asian cousin of the GCHQ electronic surveillance network located on the southern tip of Hong Kong island. In similar fashion. large cases of sensitive Special Branch and intelligence files are already ensconced in London.

The senior local officers who not touch on the withdrawall, compiled these files are armed with full British passports and scramble to pack the boxes and can leave at the first sign of trou-

ble. However, the removal of items marked "Top Secret" is the tip of the iceberg.

The transfer of sovereignty requires far more extensive cosmetic and substantial change, most of which will be completed after 1997. At the cosmetic level there is much work to be done to remove British symbols and the royal insignia from everything ranging from stamps and letter boxes to courtrooms and police

More substantively, there is

the Herculean task of translating the law into Chinese, of changing the school curriculum to accommodate the incoming sovereign power's view of history and of furnishing the population with new travel doc-

In practically all spheres of life changes will have to be made, and as matters stand it "destined for independence but seems that only the Royal So-incorporation into China, and seems that only the Royal Society for the Protection of An-imals and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club intend to cling tenaciously to their existing, and po- to temper its anger against

there has never been such a long ments of democracy to its period of planning for the end colony just as it is about to leave. of colonial rule it may be assumed that matters which were not resolved in other colonies prior to independence would

have been settled in Hong However, Hong Kong is not China has yet to shed its distrust of the 6.4 million people it is about to acquire and it refuses

litically incorrect, titles. As Britain for introducing ele-

For these reasons China is busy establishing an alternative political structure explicitly designed to marginalise the outgoing administration and to bar supporters of the democracy movement from having a say in

government The already isolated Governor, Chris Patten, will find his isolation deepen later in the year when Hong Kong's new

called the Chief Executive, is be to shut down the existing "elected" by a 400-strong com-

mittee hand-picked in Peking. Candidates for the post are hard to identify because only one serious contender has declared himself to be in the running. The apparent front runner, the shipping tycoon Tung Che-hwa, is said to be hav-

ing cold feet about the job. It is also likely that China will establish a parallel legislature in the near future which will start enacting legislation ready for the takeover. One of its first acrs will in mind.

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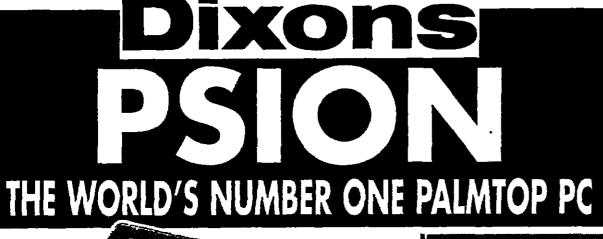
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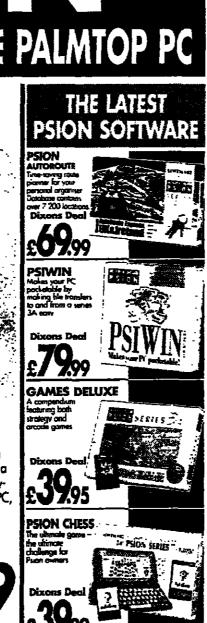
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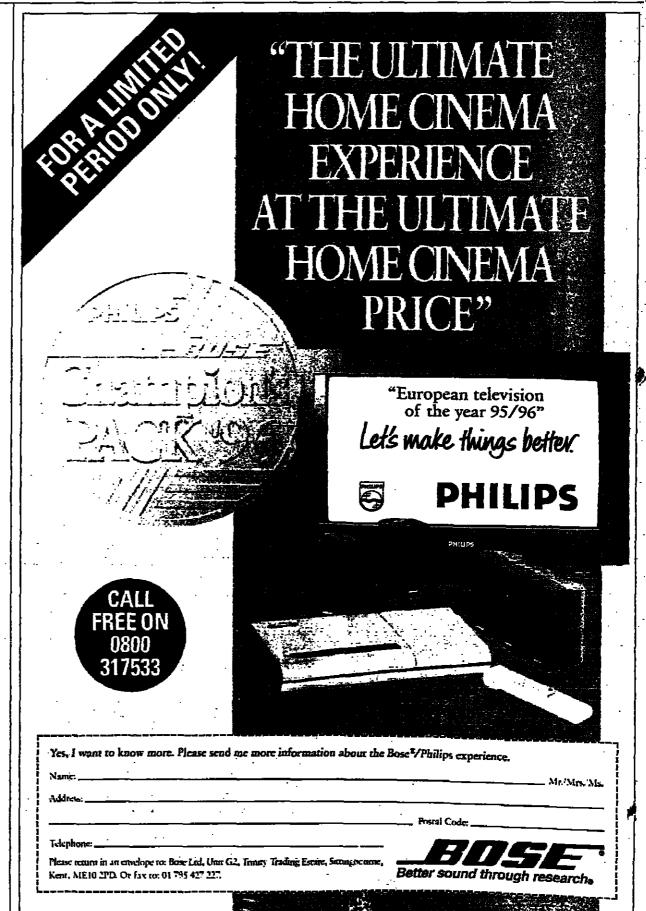
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HONG KONG: FINAL COUNTDOWN

Nationalist call is trump card in patriot game

TERESA POOLE

The manner in which China's leadership plans to mark 1997 on the mainland reveals the intense official symbolism of Hong Kong's return. Take the publication next year of an Aulas of Shame which will detail China's 150 years of abuse at the hands of foreign and colonial powers. Or the huge production under way on the mainland set of The Opium Wars, a block-buster film portraying Britain's greatest historical injustice against China, to be released in 12 months' time. In such ways will the tone be set inside China for 30 June 1997, a day which the Chinese government has said will bring to an end "a long

period of bitter suffering and na-

tional humiliation".

For some time now, nationalism has already been the rallying call of a government facing difficult social and economic decisions at home. And the build-up to next June will see the hyperbole of patriotic propaganda reach new levels of excess. China "finally ... got the international reputation that was its due" when it was agreed that Hong Kong would revert to the mainland; said one recent official commentary. China's resumption of sovereignty "will not only wash away this historical stain, providing consolation to our forerunners and those martyrs who devoted their lives to the nation, but will also mark the beginning of a new era for the

'Pearl of the Orient'," it added. On the domestic political stage, President Jiang Zemin will hope that being at the helm for Hong Kong's return will bolster his position as the "core" of the leadership For the Chinese Communist Party, which on Monday celebrates its 75th anniversary, there is the wishful thought that public discontent over such issues as unemployment and corruption may be diverted by patriotic fervour. And for the People's Liberation Army (PLA), 1997 promises a glorious episode as the mainland garrison marches into Hong Kong, the only large contingent of mainlanders to take up residence under the "One Country.

Two Systems" policy.

All the key players in China will be looking for political dividends from 1997, especially as the handover takes place just three or four months before the next full Communist Party Congress, held once every five years. Behind-the-scenes manoeuvrings have already started, as next year's Congress will decide a new prime minister.



Uncertain future: Mainland Chinese can seem vindictive

However, 1997 also represents a huge risk for Peking. China has repeatedly told the world that the "Pearl of the Orient" will prosper under the motherland, but the world is not yet convinced that China will keep its promise to allow Hong Kong's way of life and freedoms to endure. Peking will have to manage the scrapping of the existing Legislative Council (Legco) and the imposition of an appointed interim alternative. And even if Peking is aware of the damage to be wrought by meddling in Hong Kong's business practices, it remains to be seen if it can rein in powerful provincial officials who have their own designs on a slice of , the Hong Kong pie.

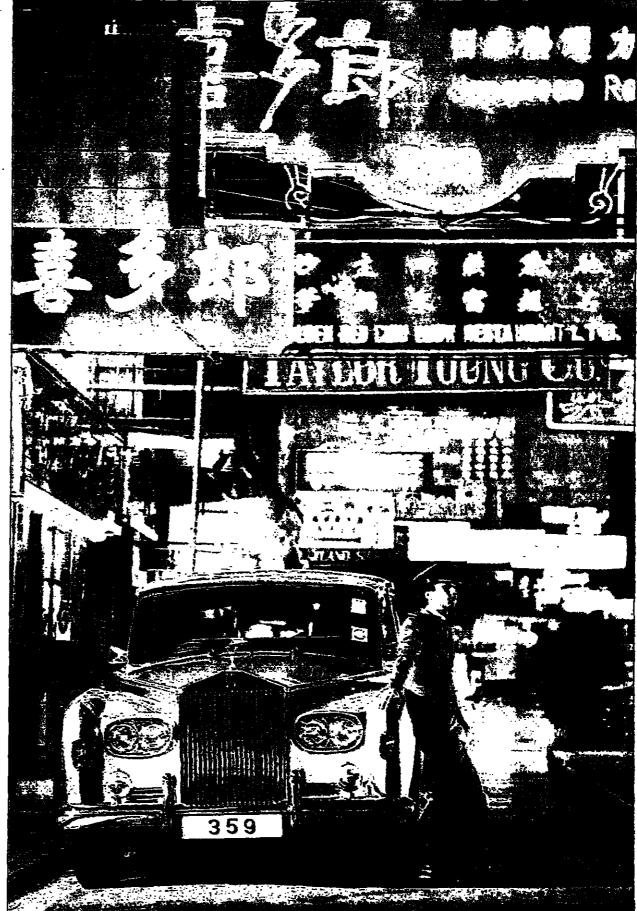
Over the next 12 months, China will try to settle people's nerves. But many of its supposed reassurances have a tendency to miss the target. Lu Ping, the director of the mainland's Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office, recently attempted, for instance,

to allay fears about press freedom. Mr Lu said the media could criticise the Chinese government, but would "absolutely not" be allowed to advocate Taiwan independence. A week later, on a visit to Japan, he refined this to mean: "It is all right if reporters objectively report. But if they advocate, it is an action. It has nothing to do with freedom of the press." No one felt very reassured, especially by Mr Lu's elucidation in an interview with CNN television: "Like your country, if some press thinks that Hawaii should be separated from the United States ... and somebody advocates another government ... will it be allowed? I don't think

so," he said.

Many ordinary Chinese profess a desire to visit Hong Kong after 1997, and most assume that this will be possible. "It should be easier then to visit Hong Kong," said Liu Zhang, 30, a business administrator, voicing a common misconception. In fact, after 30 June 1997, there are supposed to be strict border controls between Hong Kong and the mainland, and no entry without a Hong Kong-issued travel

Talking about Hong Kong to mainlanders, especially in the north, a streak of vindictiveness is discernible. Hong Kongers have, over the past few decades, enjoyed a much higher standard of living and avoided the political turmoil of the People's Republic. "Now Hong Kong will be under the control of Peking, and the time has come for mainland people to share the benefits of Hong Kong," said a government cadre. Patriotism also has its emotional limits. One engineering graduate voiced a common sentiment: "I do not like Hong Kong people, because they look down on mainlanders."



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City lights: Hong Kong has enjoyed a much higher standard of living than the mainland over the past few decades. 'The time has come for mainland people to share in the benefits,' one government cadre said Photographs: Magnum

'Barren island' that bore fruit

STEPHEN VINES

Britain has always been ambivalent about its acquisition of Hong Kong during the opium war of the mid-18th century.

war of the mid-18th century.

It was occupied by a naval force on 26 January 1841, but such was the lack of enthusiasm that Captain Charles Elliot, who was responsible for its seizure, was chastised by Palmerston for his lack of vigour in getting more out of the Chinese. Describing it as as "barren island", he raged: "You have disobeyed and neglected your instructions."

However, in 1842, the Treaty of Nanking was signed yielding the island of Hong Kong in perpetuity. In 1860, as Peking was occupied by the British and French, the garrison in Hong Kong decided it needed some space for exercises, as a result of which the Kowloon peninsula on the mainland and the tiny

Stonecutters joined the Empire.
The colonial appetite, however, remained unsatisfied and by 1898 the biggest-slice of Chinese land – the New Territories – was ceded to Britain as part of a European land-grab throughout China. It is the 99-year lease on the New Territories which expires a year from tomorow: Hong Kong island, ceded "in perpetuity" is the heart of the colony's prosperity, but cannot survive without its hinterland.

In the years leading up to the Second World War, Hong Kong was a relatively poor, dowdy sort of place, much overshadowed by the glamour of the internationally but ling Shanghai

tionally bustling Shanghai.

After 1945, other colonies began to think of independence, but Hong Kong was more worried by the threat of Chinese occupation. The 1960s overspill of the Cultural Revolution provided a reminder of what might happen, but by the end of the 1970s the picture changed with the first opening of China's economy laying the foundations for Hong Kong's prosperity.

China indicated its desire to

China indicated its desire to resume sovereignty over the colony informally in 1979 and formally in 1982. An abrasive meeting between Margaret Thatcher and Deng Xiaoping set the tone for two years of negotiations leading to the Joint Declaration which laid the basis for the transfer of sovereignty.



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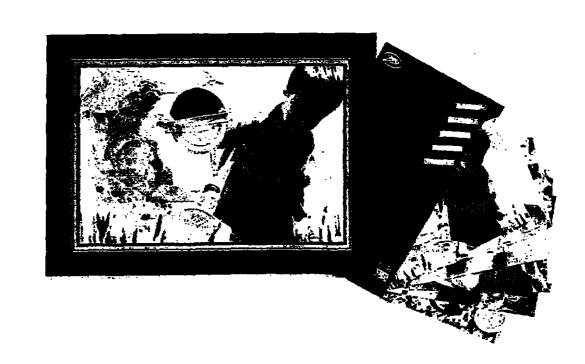
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Islamic leader takes the reins in Turkey

The maverick pro-Islamic leader Necmettin Erbakan took power at the head of a new coalition government in Turkey yesterday. nalling an era likely to further dilute the strident Westernising secularism with which Kemal Ataturk founded the republic

seven decades ago.
"Peace be with you. I have good news: a new government," a beaming Prime Minister Erbakan said after President Suleyman Demirel approved his

Erbakan has opposed most things that defined the Turkey after World War Two: Nato membership, a customs union with Europe, balanced ties between Israel and the Arab states and a mission to Westernise this Islamic nation of 65 million

people. Yet even Turkish secularists are doing little more than tut-tutting Erbakan's slow march to power. Since Turkey's last real government collapsed nine months ago, public opinion has become punch-drunk with unprincipled politicking, revela-tions of public corruption and a Provide Comfort' force pro-

Hugh Pope in Istanbul reports on the achievement of 'a sort of stability' in a country grown used to political chaos

giving it just 158 of the 550 par-

to interfere with the way people eat, drink or dress. On the evi-

dence of the many municipali-

ties managed by his party since

1994, there should be no reason

to disbelieve him. But, given his

occasionally wildly anti-Semitic and pro-Islamic remarks, many

The 70-year-old Erbakan had

an uneven record as a deputy

he finally achieved his ambition

when True Path Party leader Tan-

su Ciller made the highly con-

Turks remain suspicious.

dish conflict.

"People have cried wolf so often we have become immune to panic. There has been so much chaos, any sort of stability is welcome," said one diplomat in the Turkish capital, Ankara.

Most Turks know the Welfare Party does not bear much comparison to the fundamentalism of Saudi Arabia or the ideological ruthlessness of Iran. Neither is there a sense that the its agenda is revolutionary, since the sup-posedly 'secular' Turkish republican system has gone a long way in the past decade towards a new synthesis with its Islamic and Ottoman past.

Mr Erbakan has already sig-nalled that he will compromise on some foreign policy issues and has said he might sacrifice his opposition to a customs union with Europe and the Operation eign Minister. Prime Minister from 1993

until March this year, Mrs Ciller may have felt she had no alternative. In theory, her party has Iraq.
The Welfare Party's room for shared power since March in a government headed by the Motherland Party's Mesut Yilmanoeuvre is also limited because it only polled 21 per cent maz. But their personal hatred meant that virtually nothing was achieved, another factor that has of the vote when it came top of general elections last December, eased public resistance to Mr Er-Mr Erbakan has promised not

bakan's taking power. Behind the froth of their political squabbling, Turkey's powerful institutions have stepped in to rule instead. The military went ahead to sign a co-operation agreement with Israel in

Despite Turkish denials, the accord appears to be strongly targeted at Syria. Mr Erbakan, however, professes great love for Syria and the Arab world and a dislike of American imperialism. prime minister in three govern-ments in the troubled 1970s. But so it seems likely there will be a cooling-off period in official aspects of the Israeli relationship.

to be prime minister yesterday He will, however, be in complete accord with pursuing the troversial decision to throw her military's 12-year-old fight with lot in with him. She becomes the Kurdistan Workers Party.



Face of dissent: Demonstrators masked as (from left) John Major, Bill Clinton and Jacques Chirac at the Lyons summit of G7 countries which, they say, 'rip the shirts off the backs of the south'. Summit, page 16

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An ex-FBI agent says First Lady Hillary Clinton.

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the former head of White House personnel security
who is at the centre of the despending row over the
White House handling of over 700 confidencial FBI

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Livingstone, a former Democratic campaign
operative and restaurant boomer, for the job, and was told by a White House thouses that "Hillary wants him". The book, recounting Mr. Aldrich's three years as an FB1 agent assigned to the White House makes other stimming claims. It alleges late night tryst between Mr. Clinton and a woman in Washington's Marriort hotel, its which the President was driven hiding under a blanker in the back new dark windowed himousine. He complains of an "Arkansas Mafia" taking over the White House, dismanding the existing executive clearance system, and "stonewalling". First allemnts to contouch backing observables of an new officials.

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Yesser Arefat has had his first meeting with a top policy advisor of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister. It was the first meeting the Palestinian leader has had with a representative of the new government. He saw Dr Dore Gold, a foreign policy advisor of Mr Netanyahu, in his home in Gaza :city. Dr Gold assured Mr Arafat-that Mr Netanyabu planned to continue dialogue with the Palestinians, said Palestinian sources. They said the two also discussed ways to fight terrorism and economic assistance to the Palestinians. Patrick Cockburn

Bucking a wave of street protests, parliament approved a landmark overhaul of postwar Germany's welfare state yesterday. The Bundestag passed most of the government's austerity plan after a noisy debate in which the opposition accused Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition of saving on the backs of the needy. The plan cuts sick pay, jobless benefits and health care. AP - Bonn

After a two-year investigation, Czech authorities recovered 14 Old Master paintings. and arrested the suspected ringleader of an international gang of art thieves and fences. The paintings, including works by Canaletto and Reni and from the schools of Durer, Cranach and Tintoretto. had been stolen from two museums in the Czech Republic: the National Gallery in Prague and the palace in Namest. AP - Wiesbaden

Kenyan police say they have gunned down one of the country's most notorious criminals. Gerald Munyiera, in a shoot-out in central Kenya. Known as: Wanugu ("Son of a Monkey" in Swahili), the gang leader was wanted in connection with a number of murders, including that of Christopher Maurice, a British aid worker, who was kidnapped and killed a month ago. David Orr - Nairebi

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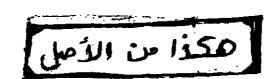
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After empire, we badly need a new refrain

n a year's time, the union flag will be | lowered for the last time over Hong Kong. The implications of Chinese rule for the Colony itself are momentous; but the event ought to have deep significance for all of us in Britain, whether or not we have eaten a Chinese meal. For when that scrap of fabric runs down the flagpole, the imperial experience will come to an end. Our excuses for failing to adjust and fashion an up-to-date and lasting national self-identity will have run out.

Empire will not quite be exhausted. Britain will be left with a handful of fag-end dependencies: a clutch of islands in the Caribbean, some more scattered on the vast open waters of the South Atlantic, a few in the Pacific, a cluster in the Indian Ocean. Bermuda, Gibraltar, and the unpopulated expanse of British Antarctic Territory. But Hong Kong, with nearly six million people, is the last plot with any economic importance. London once ruled some 400 million people. As late as the 1950s, British schoolchildren could truthfully be told the sun never set on the Commonwealth/Empire. As from the first of July next year, Britain's remaining possessions will encompass some 160,000 people, roughly the population of the Isle of Wight.

Next year will also see the 50th anniversary of Indian independence, the beginning of the end of Empire. The handover of Hong Kong will coincide (almost to the day) with the centenary of the extravagant celebration of Empire bound up with Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Ninety-nine years ago, so Jan Morris tells us in her Empire trilogy, they sang in Happy Valley. They won't be raising their voices in celebration in 1997.

Will these coincidences thicken the contemporary mood of fractious patriotism, at least in the part of Britain that is England? The end of Empire has not been a political question for a long time. Yet it could and perhaps should excite attention - and precipitate long-needed debate about national role and purpose.

Inside a century, an empire spanning a quarter of the globe has disappeared. John Seeley said the British acquired their empire in a fit of absence of mind; they disposed of it with even less attention. Outside the Indian subcontinent, the liquidation has been relatively untraumatic, unbloody. Of course, there was armed struggle in Kenya. Blood was shed in Cyprus, Aden and elsewhere. Often independence came agonisingly slowly - as it seemed to colonised and coloniser alike. Yet the process produced no Angola or Congo or Algeria. For the colonial power in that instance, France, the end of empire left deep, domestic scars.



France is the European country with which Britain has most in common in its imperial history; their Dien Bien Phu was a national catastrophe; Algeria destroyed the Fourth Republic. We have nothing to compare. Rhodesia was painful, but on nothing like the same scale. In just 50 years, we have left it all behind us, and the very ease (some would say indecent haste) with which we packed our bags meant we have thought about it all the less.

But there are consequences. Britain has never quite been at ease with itself in the world since - or should that read "England"? Perhaps the end of empire has yet fully to register inside the United Kingdom; perhaps the settlement of empire entails settling relations between England and the other countries. Meanwhile, the British state and its representation to the wider world has been confused. Dean Acheson famously remarked that Britain had lost an empire but not yet found a role. Nobody thanked him for saying it in 1962, yet it remains a truism of foreign policy in 1996. The character part which Britain took in the drama of the Cold War gave reassurance, but even that has gone now.

It is not as if we have not had time to inure ourselves to reduced circumstances. Kipling saw the writing on the wall in 1897. "Lo, all our pomp of yesterday: Is one with Nineveh and Tyre," he wrote in Recessional. One response has been retreat, a kind of inner migration - ignore the world and cultivate our gardens. Another has been the desire to march through the councils of the world, stamping our feet and demanding that everyone else snap to attention. We cannot quite shake the imperial habits of mind. Here are elements of psychosis, as reactions to Euro 40 have shown. Victory made some English people mad with arrogance, while defeat left them full of selfhatred.

In England, it sometimes seems we can only sing two songs: Rule Britannia, or An English Country Garden, as if we were still fighting those old battles between the Imperialists and the Little Englanders that raged a century ago. We badly need to find a new refrain.

British people know the reduced economic and political facts. Hearts have to accept lower-tier membership of the international community. Yet Britain remains a global player. We are, for the most part, a diligent and responsible member of the international community. This is a less stirring, less vivid thing than empire. But is a better thing and, even when the flags come down in distant parts and there are tugs in British hearts, none of us now thinks

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

Sale of MoD married quarters will bring benefits | Rid Britain of nuclear weapons

Sir: I was astonished to find myself reported in your columns (report, 26 June, first edition) as a former defence minister who had "rejected" the MoD's plans for the sale of the married quarters estate to the

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The truth is the exact opposite. While Minister of State for Defence from 1992-94 I strongly championed the scheme which has since been refined, safeguarded, and improved by Michael Portillo. The sad fact of this matter is that the management of Service housing has been poor for many years.
The status quo is virtually

indefensible because of the unacceptably high number of

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empty houses, houses in poor condition, and dissatisfied occupants complaining of inadequate maintenance and

service, The Portillo plan benefits both taxpayers and Service families. The latter will gain because £100 million from the sale proceeds will be spent on upgrading married quarters. The result will be that the living conditions of most Service houses will be raised to Grade One standard within about five years, an achievement which would be unattainable without the sale.

So far as the wider defence interest is concerned, it is important to emphasise that cohesive Service

communities will be preserved and that a Ministerial veto is being retained to prevent the sale of any properties which might impair operational effectiveness. Like the Chiefs of Staff, I supported the proposal when a defence minister cause it satisfied the interests of the Services.

Backbench opponents of the scheme may have axes of their own to grind, but they will be doing no favours for Britain's Services or taxpayers if they vote against Michael Portillo's admirable plan. JONATHAN AFTKEN MP (Thanet South, Con) House of Commons London SW7

Sir: The launch of Labour's defence manifesto for the next election is a terrible lost opportunity ("Nuclear responsibility is awesome, says Blair", 26 June). The manifesto, in one line, says Labour is still committed to a nuclear free world. However, it fails to say how it intends to help achieve this, and Tony Blair completely omitted this commitment from his press statement, saying only that Labour would press for reductions in nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

According to Mr Blair, a Labour Government would only enter British nuclear forces into multilateral negotiations "when satisfied with verified progress towards our goal of the global elimination of nuclear weapons". Yet it has been repeatedly demonstrated, that the continued failure of Britain to place Trident on the negotiating table has contributed to the quarrels in evidence at the

Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty talks in Geneva. The arrogant insistence that Britain should hang onto its nuclear weapons simply because it has them will antagonise non-nuclear countries and potentially galvanise threshold states into deploying their own arsenals. If the nuclear party is set to go on. then what is to stop other countries

from joining in the fun?
If Tony Blair thinks that playing macho games with humanity's survival will make him popular with voters, he is wrong. He may think that being prepared to push the nuclear button will help win the next election. However, a clear 50-60 per cent of the British electorate now favour a Britain without nuclear weapons, and want to see a treaty ridding the country of them. JANET BLOOMFIELD

Chair, CND

Preventive aims of Child Safety Week

Sir: There seems to be some confusion over the aims of Child Safety Week. We read with interest the two letters (27 June) which give the impression that "less than 700" accidental child deaths are somehow acceptable. Perhaps that statement could be put to a parent who has lost their child to an accident.

We agree absolutely that children shouldn't be over-protected. The Trust has never, at any point, encouraged parents and carers to over-protect their children from everyday risks, denying them the chance to learn to cope with hazards. We do believe in preparing children for adult life by teaching them to deal with risk for themselves, through education and

The type of accident that does concern us is the serious, lifethreatening and preventable type. If you knew that by installing a smoke alarm today, it would give you precious extra seconds to escape a fire, you'd fit one. If you were aware

how much damage a car windscreen does to an unrestrained toddler in a crash, you'd use a properly fitted car seat. If you realised how quickly and silently a young child can drown in just a few inches of water, you'd make sure you emptied that

paddling pool or garden pond. The last thing we want to do is spoil children's - and parents' enjoyment of family life and growing up. But it's hard to imagine what could spoil a family's happiness. more than a serious injury to or death of a child.

Statistics show that 2.5 million children will go to Accident and Emergency Units after an accident during the next 12 months. Many thousands of these injuries will be scrious and potentially lifethreatening and nearly 700 families will be bereaved. This is what the Trust hopes to prevent. CAROL SHERRIFF Director

Child Accident Prevention Trust London ECI

The follow-up that

Sir: In principle 1 dislike the idea of sequels by other hands ("Follow-ups that can't be written", 26 June). But

David Lister is not quite correct in

been avoided by the sequel writers."

Sir Harry Johnston, the explorer

and writer, who died in 1927, wrote sequels to Dombey and Son and Our

Dombeys and The Vencerings. It is a

Mutual Friend, entitled The Gay-

long time since I read them: they

pursue the fate of some Dickens

characters and their descendants

against a late Victorian background.

saying that "Dickens has, so far,

could be written

LETTER from THE EDITOR

The reassuring thing about editing is that the difficult decisions turn out to be ethical ones, or at least about values in a general way. This is how it should be. The biggest problem coming up for us here may be the Sophie Hook murder case - the sexmurder of the seven-year-old girl who was snatched from a garden tent.

It seems clear that the evidence will be lengthy and horrible. My preference is to avoid most of the evidence, covering the main developments in the case in an episodic rather than daily way, and steering clear of the nasty bits. This time, that's what we will do.

But plenty of my colleagues think this is plain wrong; we are a newspaper and should report all the facts, no matter how

unniersant. They have a point: many readers, however much they shudder, want to know everything there is to know about such crimes. And sometimes, the telling detail matters or resolves some important unknown. The Fred and Rosemary West trial, Dunblanc, the Bulger case - these could not have been properly reported without some terrible stuff.

So there is no point in telling you that we have an answer for. or a formula to, what has become almost a weekly dilemma, if not yet a daily one. If anyone has suggestions or strong views about it, I'd be glad to hear them.

One of the unexpected events of the week was breakfast with one Dr Henry Kissinger, who regaled the company with his views on Russia. Asia and European integration, not to mention the quality of leader-ship on offer in Washington.

He is still someone visited by senior foreign leaders from across the world and probably has better access to their thinking than any other single individual. But why was he in London? A big international conference? A private confahulation with Major and Rifkind? Well, not exactly. As a fervent soccer fan, Dr K was

Another American visitor was Ben Bradlec, the former Washington Post editor and veteran

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of Watergate who is a member of our board. He spent time yesterday in the newsroom, regaling us with political gossip and reflections on the trade. He tends to be described as "the legendary Ben Bradlee". a tag he hates. "A legend in his own mind." was his sardonic

Returning to the football, here is a message for everyone who was offended by last Saturday's front-page piece about General Robert Venables, the womanising, drunken rat who was defeated by the Spanish in the 1650s. Our headline may have led some people to

You put a gun on the front page to call for a ban on firearms; a boot there for the football What when the next parliamentary sex

scandal breaks?"

think we were referring to the saintly Terry Venables instead. Well... all right, that was the idea. It seemed funny at the time. To me, it still is. But since this is The Column What Tells It Like It Is, let me confess that the "drunken rat" headline may, just conceivably, have been a little over the top. The person responsible (me) has been severely rebuked by the editor.

In the same edition, we had a life-sized picture of Alan Shearer's boot, referring, in advance, to the England-Spain match. At a splendid Oxfordshire party that night - and what a state we were all in the next morning - the following unanswerable challenge was posed: "You put a big gun on the front page to call for a ban on domestic firearms; you put a big boot there for the football My question is, what are you going to do when the next parliamentary sex scandal breaks?" No answers on a postcard, please.

Andrew Marr

Charges do not deter

Sir: I wish Cliaries Saumaraz Smith well in taking the National Portrait Gallery's bid to the Heritage Lottery Find for its new extension (report, 25 June), but I cannot let his comments on visitor numbers to must oms go unchallenged.

Charles Saumaraz Smith claims that those museums that charge for admission have suffered large decreases in visitor numbers since doing so, and cites an alleged drop in the number visiting the Natural History Museum from 3.35 million per year before charging to 1.06 million now: a fall of 68 per cent. As far as the Natural History Museum is concerned, these figures are not "public knowledge" as he claims, but part of public mythology.

In the years before the Natural History Museum introduced admission charges, it simply did not count visitors accurately as they came into the Museum. Annual visitor numbers were estimated subjectively, usually by extrapolating from a few periods of peak visitorship, and were as a result, greatly inflated. An annual visitor count of 3.35 million would have meant an average of over 9,000 visitors every day of the year that the Museum was open. We know from the accurate counts we make of visitors as we issue them with tickets that when 9,000 people visit us in a day, the Museum is packed, with barely room to move. It is clear that it would have been physically and operationally impossible for the Museum to have received 3.35 million visitors a year in the past, or anything remotely approaching this

The figure of 1.06 million that Charles Saumaraz Smith cites as the current figure is quite simply wrong. The true figure for last year was 1.46 million of which 1.06 million paid admission charges, the remainder coming in without charge, either during the free period at the end of each day, or in organised school

Since the Natural History Museum introduced admission charges in 1987, its annual visitor numbers have fluctuated year by year from 1.4 million to 1.75 million and I suspect this is very much the level of visitor numbers during the decade before charging. Dr NEIL CHALMERS Director, Natural History Museum London SW7

Superiority complex

Sir: Bryan Appleyard writes (comment, 27 June) that "the English are, stereotypically, arrogant and superior" - he is mistaken. It is the French who are superior, the Germans inferior, while the English simply think the world owes them a TOM KENYON-SLANEY



The value of beauty without jealousy

personal appearance and life chances is a little more complicated than Rebecca Fowler suggests ("Is it really such a sin to be ugiy?", 27 June). Most of the important empirical research was carried out in the 1960s when a welcome new honesty and frankness were entering into

Sir: The relationship between

the once almost taboo subject of looks. But the distinguished American social psychologists Dion, Berscheid and Walster added to persisting confusion when, for feminist political reasons, they entitled their report of 1972 (Journal of Personal and Social Psychology, vol 24, pp 205-90)

"What is beautiful is good".

What their research, and a critical

mass of other studies actually showed, was not that people equate beauty with moral good, but with something very different, worldly happiness and success.

Historically there have always been jobs in which men could profit from beauty - as a footman, or as a salesman in a department store catering for women, for instance. Today there are more and more sales and media jobs in which appearance is an indispensable asset. But a beautiful face does not make a brain surgeon (or a professor of history).

Beauty is simply a gift from our genes; valued because it gives joy to all beholders, a gift just like musical or mathematical talent. If we understand this, we can value it without jealousy, and avoid overvaluing it. ARTHUR MARWICK London NW3

Red herring of the West Lothian Question

Sir: The West Lothian Question is the reddest of red herrings (comment, 25 June). There is no such thing as a Scottish MP, an English MP, a Welsh MP or an Irish MP. An MP is an MP nothing more and nothing less. He or she is not a delegate but an MP in his or her own right, with a duty to exercise responsible judgement on any issue coming before the House of Commons. DRUMMOND HUNTER

Edinburgh

Sir: There is a solution to Labour's worries about the so-called "tartan tax". They could make the extra tax raised by the Parliament allowable against national Income Tax. In effect that would mean a transfer of resources to Scotland from the national budget for specifically Scottish services under democratic Scottish control. That is surely what devolution ROLAND FREEMAN

Salisbury, Wiltshire

A devilishly good actor

Sir: I was interested to read in Paul Vallely's report (25 June) of Fr Gerard McGinnitty's tortured gymnastics as he celebrated Mass in the House of Prayer on Achill. It seems from the report that many of his followers astribe his agitation to the frenzied efforts of the devil to upset him. May I set their minds at rest. As a student for the priesthood at Maynooth in the 1970s, when Fr McGinnitty was Dean, my most enduring memory is that he was a reasonably good actor who could never resist the exaggerated gesture. The Rev KEVIN HEGARTY Belmullet, Co Mayo

Sir: St Paul's Pharisee colleagues most probably regarded him as having been "massively destabilised" by his experience on the road to Damascus. How else can we see the mental processes by which Fr McGinnitty's sometime seminarian colleagues dismissed his "massive conversion experience" in Medjugorje as "massively destabilising"?

Genuine conversion - which all of us, including lecturers in seminaries probably need - leads to fundamental change. How could a basic reappraisal of attitudes, values and actions not be destabilising of all that needs to be changed? MARY SMITH Rugely, Staffordshire

Sport in question

JAMES N DAWSON London SE26

Sir: What is this rubbish about exercise making children happy (report, 28 June)? My happiest moment at school was sussing out how to avoid games. I realised that it is almost impossible to force an adolescent to take part in games what sanctions do you impose on someone who prefers to be kept in working?

My proud boast is that I've taken no exercise since 1957. At 57 my only problem is hayfever somehow I don't think compulsory sport would have averted this, but I am thinking of taking up smoking...
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If I'd known I was going to live this long I would have taken better care of myself - Bob Monkhouse, on reaching his 68th birthday If Major fails at the next election, my phone stops ringing, But he won't - Peter Friel, a much-sought-after John Major look-alike I like to go swimming somewhere where nobody will see me. I have a marginal seat and it wouldn't be wise if people saw me with my clothes off - Jeremy Hanley. Foreign Office minister Eating meat rather than incinerating it would save an awful lot of money better left in the taxpayer's pocket - Nicholas Budgen,

If you were John Major with a majority of one, would you really want to take this warring, unpleasant, back-stabbing, back-biting crew through another six months of dark winter nights in the House of Commons? - Paddy Ashdown, Liberal Democrat leader, on the prospects of an autumn general election

New Labour is an ageing transvestite clad in sub-Thatcherite rhetoric. We know that Danny La Rue is a man, just as we know that new Labour is old Labour - Tristan Garel-Jones, Tory MP "Why didn't you just belt it?" - Barbara Southgate to her son Gareth after he missed the penalty in the Euro 96 semi final against German

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So tell us, Joan, where have all the flowers gone?

David Aaronovitch meets an idol trying to bring her fans up to date

Birmingham last night. I couldn't get to Bob, but here I am with Joan. "OK," I planned to say, "Tell me.

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Where have all the flowers gone?" But I don't dare. Instead, after switching on the recorder. I burble something about wondering how she is affected by the knowledge that so many people regard her as a central feature of their ethical backgrounds; that as a young teenager, had sat around campfires and bed-rooms, strumming guitars and - misty-eved - singing songs of lost love, injustice and the sorrows of war. Her songs, above all. How does this make her feel?

But Joan Bacz is all too aware of the pitfalls of being an ancient Jiminy Cricket to our Pinocchios, of playing the constant, unchanging conscience while all us 30- and 40year-olds have fun. Her smile is a tiny bit wintry. "It's an honour for people to have me in their psyche." But? "But I am happiest when I am doing something which isn't depen-dent on what I was doing 30 years ago. You know, when I get with somebody who knew me solely from 30 years ago and has all that nostalgia, it is extremely exhausting trying to bring them up to date."

We are in the snug downstairs bar at the Halycon Hotel, a small place in Holland Park much beloved of controllers of BBC channels and successful playwrights. The 55-yearold singer, the queen of folk, lover of Bob Dylan and Kris Kristofferson, twice-jailed protester and possessor of one of the great voices of the century, is squashed into a corner in an

She is beautiful. More beautiful, I think, than when she was in her late twenties. Then, she always sang and spoke with a frown, her brows knitted over her eyes, making them smaller; her long black hair obscuring her features. Today, she wears her grey hair very short, with a single thin, long plait down her back. Her face is opened up as a result; her aquiline nose, high cheekbones and - above all - wonderful large brown eves, are all unhidden.

No wonder she is insisting so hard that whatever the memories of her past, it is high time that people with the music. Then I realised that cating with him. unless I made a huge concerted

ob Dylan in Hyde Park effort, I wouldn't be visible. The lecturer in front of a musical black-back to the lobby. What I discovered today, Joan Bacz in music business is a massive industry board? She laughs. "Quite often, was a smell, a smell of the tiles. The today. Joan Baez in music business is a massive industry putting out thousands of records. You can disappear. So I closed down my human-rights group."

She had her own human-rights group? Wow. This gives one an idea of the intensity of Joan Bacz's commitment to whatever she is involved in. For the many years when she was politically active, she gave herself over to it wholesale, regarding the music as secondary. But for the last seven years, she has concentrated absolutely ("absolutely" appears to be her favourite word) on making records and playing concerts.

She got a manager for the first time, and sought new collaborators and found them in the sudden success of the woman singer-songwrit-

penter and the McGarrigles. "They were flattering to me influence on their lives. So I told them that, in return, they could help given me

my platform". But won't this movement away from politics

"Sure," she laughs, "And William Buckley [the right-wing American commentator] and I are going to get married. Look, the foundations of my non-violent politics were there by the time I was eight - before I could verbalise them. My politics have been through every test they could possibly go through. Now I'm moving on. And because what I am doing is absolutely honest, the results have been honest." She tells a story about a young Yugoslavian who had told her recently that, although he'd always admired her, now he felt that in the political world. I didn't do it that she'd actually been communi-

So had she been something of a trace this. So I went downstairs and learn?

board? She laughs. "Quite often, someone would shout 'shut up and sing'! I heard that several times. And I used to get very huffy, because here I was delivering my very direct and important message. But it's a relief not to feel that I have to give a lecture to justify my music." Had she been one of those political folk who

love mankind, but can't get on with

man? "I certainly was in that cate-

gory", admits Joan, "but I don't believe that I'm still in that swamp." What got her out was eight years of therapy. Being Joan Baez, it was of course "intensive therapy", which took up a vast amount of time and was hugely upsetting. "I had to retreat very deeply", she says, "and face my problems head on and

> travel around with all that psychic unpleasantness. carried it all It was only when I got to other side that I was able to stage fright, the fear of

worked around And now I'm free of it. I have had a of the psyche and spirit. Hats off to

Today, she uses tapes to help her prepare for concerts and travel. It's what Arnold Palmer does before he plays golf. You look at something that hasn't worked. You work out what was going wrong. Then you go back and revisualise it the way you'd like it to be."

I ask her for an example. She tells a tale of a trip made with good friends to a hotel in Italy, where the sun was shining, the air was sweet. It was perfect. Yet once in her bedsmell came from Baghdad where I lived when I was 10. So it can be any-thing, a perfume, something subtle."

The new Joan has not lost the social concerns of the old. She agrees that this an age of cynicism. "There's a deep-rooted kind of des-peration. It is, as Dar Williams [her favourite new singer] has said, not necessarily our culture that is suffering, but our society. It's an illness. So I would like my records and concerts to be a moment of purity."

Others are there to take up the fight. She instances a recent soug by the Indigo Girls about the peasant revolt in the Mexican province of Chiapas. "The Indigo Girls feel like kids to me, reaching out to do some-thing beyond Native Americans (that's hip to do) or the environment (that's hip, too). This little song was about revolution. Maybe that's what comes next. After Vietnam, there was an aversion to hearing anything political. Maybe it's time for it to creep back. And maybe I'll find one of my voices for that."

A huge coach with tinted windows has drawn up to take her to a concert in Cambridge. At 55, I asked was she mellow. "Mellow? I hate that word! Of course everybody changes. You don't even walk so easily when you're 55! So you sit down and they say, 'She's mellowing out'. It's like saying 'she's a couch potato'."

I am pathetically worried that I have offended her, so I attempt to curry favour by referring to one of my favourite songs, "Kisses Sweeter Than Wine", a song of completion sung by her great hero, Pete Seeger. "Yeah, yeah," she says, "It's a little comy. Cornier than I feel. A good song, but a little hackneyed. But I'm not finished. I really do not know what's coming next.

What is coming next is a sudden intervention by a very ebullient American man who has been holding a loud conversation a couple of feet away. "Hi," he says with mas-sive confidence. "I'm a huge fan of yours. My name's Bob Ezra and I produce Pink Floyd. I've been listening to you and playing along with you [he plays an imaginary guitar in Men Behaving Badly fashion] and singing along to you since you first started. Thank you."

Joan sits there and smiles through pulled the covers over her head. and as she will have to for many Why? "I decided that I was going to more to come. When will they ever



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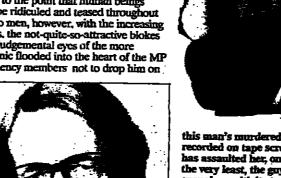
It probably hasn't escaped the notice of most people that over the years we have become increasingly obsessed with good looks to the point that human beings whose fizzogs are not easy on the eye tend to be ridiculed and teased throughout their lives. This applies more to women than to men, however, with the increasing obsession that many men have with their looks, the not-quite-so-attractive blokes are beginning to suffer the disapproval of the judgemental eyes of the more beautiful masses, too. This is obviously why panic flooded into the heart of the MP George Gardiner, who has begged his constituency members not to drop him on the basis of his appearance. Ridiculous

as I think this is, it does give me a tiny bit of satisfaction to see it happening to someone who has long imagined he is immune from being assessed purely on his appearance. What a shock for the poor old boy ... I wonder if he's booked an appointment with the surgeon's knife and plans to emerge from the private clinic looking for all the world like a reconditioned Gladiator.

This path we are treading toward Aryan perfection needs to be re-routed. Notso-attractive people should ensure they are seen as often and in as many places as possible. If you look at the top of this column, you will see I'm doing my little

It's been a good week for us visually challenged folk who also get it in the neck for being fat. Some very kind insurance companies have set up special pensions for the big 'uns in the country. How jolly kind, I thought, and how jolly nice of some companies to set up pensions for smokers, too. But as with many other aspects of these sorts of companies for whom, after all, profit is everything. I thought there must be a catch. Well, there is. These companies are only doing such kind deeds because they expect all the fat people to peg out much sooner than their more sveite counterparts and, even though they are offering bonness. they will probably save a tidy sum. I'd like lots of fat people to sign up and try your hardest to piss them off by living for a very long time.

Although I smoke myself, I would not particularly want to talk anyone else into it. However, it seems the cigarette



companies are desperate to push the little buggers using any marketing ploy they can. Philip Morris Europe have been running a series of controversial ads in newspapers attempting to portray a biscuit as more damaging than a cigarette in a passive smoking sort of a way. This meant biscuitmakers in France weren't happy; they took Philip Morris to court and won and the ads were banned. What will poor old Philip Morris try next? They can take their pick of carcinogens mobile phones or Hoovers perhaps. We don't need a picture of anything to make us feel a bit better. Besides some of us love biscuits as well.

OJ Simpson is doing a bit of fundraising for a group called Stop The Violence-Increase The Peace, a group involved with gang members and domestic abuse. Many womens' groups have responded by threatening a counter rally. Given the fact that



Joan Baez: "I'm happiest doing something which isn't dependent on 30 years ago" Photo: Herbie Knott

this man's murdered wife has been recorded on tape screaming that he has assaulted her, one would think at the very least, the guy would have enough sensitivity to realise most Americans do not think he is innocent and will feel he is being somewhat of a hypocrite and thus steer well clear of anything a bit controversial. Well, either he really is that insensitive or else doesn't care what people think. Still, with those qualities, and being a bit of a looker, OJ should leave all this do-gooding business behind and start looking for a safe Tory seat.

I wonder if someone could tell me why so many people, women particularly, seem to be in thrall to what amounts to superstitions



nonsense. Not only have we had Fergie sitting under pyramids and Diana taking advice from astrology types, we now have the supposedly intelligent Hillary Clinton taking part in seances, during which she has apparently spoken to Eleanor Roosevelt and Gandhi. Let's hope they told her to get real. Added to this, she has also had sessions with a New Age therapist who has at some point recommended LSD. Is she totally barmy or stupid or blissfully unaware of how this is going to look to the general public? Unfortunately, Hillary Clinton's image (if this is true) has taken a serious dive from together intelligent independent woman to foolish, naive, silly birdbrain. Still, the National Enquirer is a very popular paper because of its headlines such as "Alien Badger Impregnated My Table Says Mum With Three Noses"; perhaps they'll take

Hillary to their hearts.

Any woman who has stamped her foot over a broken nail lately should perhaps spare a thought for Zejna Flksz, a Muslim from Cvitovici in Bosnia. This woman survived for nearly four years in the woods eating mushrooms and berries and living under a piece of plastic sheeting whilst soldiers laid waste to the surrounding towns. She also lived through four winters during which temperatures would drop to minus 20 degrees. Despite the fact that there were animals like bears and wolves roaming around, she was left alone. The war crimes tribunals going on at the moment give us an appalling view of the atrocities committed and in particular the way that women were used as receptacles to satisfy soldiers. It is hard to find words to describe these men. It is tempting to call them animals, but the animals that left this poor woman alone do not have the facility for such brutish cruelty. Next facility for such brutish cruelty. Next time the washing machine breaks down or the cat is sick, I'm going to try to have a thought for Zejna Elkaz.

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And the mouse roared 'U-turn'

Labour has gone back on its pledge on devolution. Scotland is outraged, says Ian Bell

ometimes you wish politicians wouldn't do you favours. In Glasgow on Thursday, for example, Gordon Brown was explaining how a referendum on Scottish devo-lution would "bury forever the black Tory lie that a tax-raising parliament would be imposed on the people of Scotland against their will". Very decent of him.

The trouble is, however, that according to every opinion poll this particular inky Tory fib is already six feet under Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth's assault on the "tartan tax" has made absolutely no impact on Labour's dominance in Scotland.

Why, suddenly, the fuss? It was no less strange - downright spoolsy, in fact - to hear that Labour's putage "low tax chancellor" intends to campaign to ove fiscal powers to an Edinburgh sarliament, powers that would in a mockery of his tar-ation powers for the United Kingdom. That such powers would also affect the good folk of Dunfermline East, whom Mr Brown represents, only added to the confusion.

It is possible that ignorance explains all. In advance of Tony Blair's courageous (aren't they always?) visit to Edinburgh yesterday, his people were telling London newspapers that the Scottish media - whose reaction to the referendum plan has mixed disbelief with outrage - are "out of touch". That's us in our place, then, But our place, in every sense of the word, is the problem. Politically, Scotland is a place in which our English neighbours show little interest, and one which they understand less. Our dissatisfaction with our place in the British scheme of things is something they understand least of all.

Scotland doesn't fit; it is anomalous, from its quaint legal and education systems to its quixotic refusal to embrace Conservative government. It has a political culture and a set of aspirations - with home rule at their heart - entirely of its own. This week Blair's team set out to knock Scotland into shape while proclaiming - but this is the clever part - their complete understanding of how dif-

ferent Scotland is. Bear hi hime that a referendum is the one idea Labour has rejected consistently and wehemently, for years. From shadow Scottish Secretary George Robertson down, the party has argued that a Labour general election victory is the only endorsement a tax-raising parliament requires.

Now we hear that Robertson has enjoyed a Damascene conversion. Cinders shall go to the ball, but only if she votes for it in a referendum. Moreover, it is to be a two-part plebiscite, first to accept the parliament itself, second to clarify its fiscal powers. Saintly Scots are to be asked how much they love taxation.

The louder the denials grow, the clearer it becomes that Blair knows exactly what he is about. The tax question, it is said, will "shoot Forsyth's fox". But in Scotland the fox isn't running. The referendum will spike Major's guns as he tries to turn the Union into a crusade, But what John Smith called the "settled will" of the Scots is perfectly clear - and besides, if Labour's thinking on the constitu-

Cinders shall go to the ball, but only if she votes for it in a referendum

tion is so persuasive, why doesn't Blair stand by it, and fight the Scottish issue as a manifesto commitment? Interestingly, Blair's belief in devo-

Intion did not extend to consulting the majority of his Scottish MPs over his new wheeze. Even John McAllion, supposedly Scottish spokesman on constitutional affairs, was kept in the dark. But then McAllion, who has now resigned, was long suspected of being a shade too keen on home rule. He might have made a fuss. ,

Fuss, in general, is what the hierarchy hopes will soon pass. They should be so lucky. The suspicion is that Blair is finessing a near-sacred commitment (John Smith's "unfinished business") simply to keep the issue off the general election agenda, and to ensure that devolution, if it comes, will be a trivial affair. Some, this writer included, believe a repeat of the 1979 referendum débacle would actually suit him. At the very least, he wants out from under the

commitment to taxation powers. Blair, we suspect, has gazed upon the Scottish anomaly and repented. How about all that extra identifiable (and forget the rest) expenditure Scots get? How about the over-representation of Scottish MPs (perpetually outnumbered) at Westminster? What of the West Lothian question. the prospect of Scots voting on English affairs when English MPs (the ones who gave Scotland a year of its very own "purely" Scottish poll tax) can no longer legislate on Scotland?

But these are English concerns. British fears. Scotland wants greater control of its affairs. Labour gave a solemn promise that this would come to pass and now Blair has, to be very polite, amended the pledge. Yet the politics of Scotland offers no motive for doing so. The only real explanation is that the Labour leader feels incapable of defending the Scottish claim before an English electorate. There's a lot of English nationalism about all of a sudden, is there not?

Therefore he postpones the whole

business until after an election. There will be a parliament, but nothing too serious. Edinburgh will resume: its historic place among the great local authorities of the world and the union will be renewed and reborn, or some such think-tank twitter.

But really? Yesterday Blair was in the Scottish capital to knock heads together and once again show us the guts of which, famously, he has so many. Let

us try to read these pink entrails.

Labour wins the general election, though not by a huge margin. At the speed of light (say six months?) a referendum is held. Blair tours the countries of th try explaining why devolution is nature's sovereign remedy, and why his cast-iron chancellor; sees no problem, in logic or in principle, in reconciling his fiscal rectitude to an Edinburgh parliament with the right to levy additional taxes.

The parliament goes through on the nod but barge-poles decline tax-raising powers. Scritland says "Yes" and "No". Someone wonders whose bright idea all this was in the first place and Scottish Labour lapses into tribal warfare. Some then drift off to the SNP, which studdenly looks like a rather good bet for elections to the

Edinburgh parliament.

And one fine morning Prime Minister Blair wakes up, too late, to a real Scottish problem.

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A bird in the hand

picture, a photograph of three people. On the left is a woman, just short of middle age, wearing a white cardigan, a knee-length pleated skirt. On her head, she is either wearing a bonnet, or else her beehive hairdo has par-

On the right is a boy of about 13, in a checked jacket and open-necked shirt. The woman, who has very white teeth, is smiling at something. It is a large parrot being held on his outstretched arm by the boy. And behind the parrot is John Major. Tall, short-back-andsides emphasising his high forehead, a 1960s suit, a shirt whose whiteness matches the

woman's a small on his lips. he looks out on us from over the years over the

parrot. The only other clue that the picture offers us is a poster, partially obscured by John's right shoulder, head-ed "Palace Pier, NEW LOOK".

If we did not already know so much about the central figure in this photograph, what might we make of it? Who is this trio? Where are they? What were they doing just before the picture was taken and what did they do after the shutter clicked? And above all - why the parrot? There is a Palace Pier at

Brighton, so let us plump for the south coast resort. The boy and the woman are similarly dark and their faces sug-gest a blood relationship. So she is likely to be his mother. But what about the John Major figure? He is far too young to be the boy's father and much too old to be the woman's son. So he must be something like, say, the boy's tutor (the mother and son perhaps coming from a rich Greek family), hired to instruct his young charge in English and remedial accountancy.

Our task now becomes much easier. Why are they in Brighton? The tutor has advised them that this pleasant

town is a perfect place to listen to idiomatic English spoken recreationally, rather than the more formal language of the of-fice, factory or school. Their dress is staid because their trip is for a semi-serious purpose. The camera, we must surmise, is being wielded by the woman's chauffeur and chapcrone. When he has taken the picture, they will walk together to a "fish and chip" estab-lishment, there to sample traditional British food - and to be instructed in the areanc

arts of condiment deployment. But we are still left with the parrot. Is it a family pet. brought over from Leros or Sidon despite draconian quar-

antine reculations, and its devoted owndoes it belong to John Major him-self, a

uscful prop for provoking discussion with his pupil ("New Ahmed, tell Polly where you've been today in English, please").

Knowing what we do of Mr Major's subsequent career, we might guess that, in the mid-Sixties (before media training was invented), a parrot could come in handy for an aspirant politician to practice with. A competent parrot might cope quite easily with "I refer the hon-ourable gentleman to the an-

swer I gave earlier."

I believe, however, that the bird must be more symbolic than this. Almost certainly, it has a sexual significance. Held in front of our future Prime Minister, it signifies a cockiness, an upright feathery confidence. What, after all, do parrots do? They squawk - and they peck. So a parrot is, in a quite literal sense, a pecker. And a large parrot suggests (let us not beat about the bush) a large pecker. When we know - as we now do - that the woman, Jean Kierans (mother of 13-year-old Kevin), was in fact John Major's lover, then everything - their parrot, his smirk and her smile - be-



Hanoi's wrinkly rulers are not for retiring

Vietnam's leaders are still mentally at war, says Raymond Whitaker

Tou can't accuse them of not seeing the problem clearly. Forces hostile to socialism, says the political report to the eighth congress of Vietnam's Communist Party, "demand the exercise of capitalist-style human rights and democracy, demand a de-politicisation of the state apparatus [and] press for a pluralis-tic and multi-party system with a view to stripping the party of its leadership role." And what are these "forces

hostile to socialism"? Well, the party's experiments with doi moi, or economic renovation, for one. As the report admits. market economics "contains aspects which are contradictory to the nature of socialism".

The cadres assembled in Hanoi have to decide what to do about it, but one look at them tells you how difficult it will be to find the answer. They have no more in common with one another than do the inhabitants of Hanoi, where traditional conical hats and solar topees are still worn, with the silk-clad, mobile phone-wielding people of Ho Chi Minh City. The new Polithuro contains an uneasy mixture of Communist warhorses and would-be entrepreneurs: unable to agree on any changes, they have reconfirm I the ruling triumvirate -Do Muoi, the party secretary. President Le Duc Anh, and Vo Van Kiet, the Prime Minister,

all over 70 - in their posts. The foreign businessmen who have poured into Vict-



nam since the US lifted its embargo believed that the country would be the next Asian economic tiger. Any people hard-working and tough enough to see off the French, the Americans and the Chinese in the space of three decades had to be a good bet, they reasoned: And it is true that the economy has grown rapidly in recent years, raising living standards sharply from their previously abysmal levels. But investment is beginning to tail off, and doubts are growing. Not only is the party's appetite for inter-

The gerontocracy still rules in Vietnam Photograph: Reuter ference and control undiminished - in a pre-congress cam-paign against "social poisons", advertisements for many Western products were obliterated or removed - but cor-

ruption is endemic. According to a recent survey carried out by a Hong Kongbased consultancy, proportionally more Vietnamese have their hands in the till than anywhere else in Asia. Next comes China, whose Prime Minister, Li Peng, is a guest at the congress, and where the People's Daily came close to admitting this week that the

concentration of power in a few hands made corruption inevitable. Like the Vietnamese, the Chinese know well enough what is wrong. It is just that both Communist regimes reject the obvious solution: giving their citizens the right to choose their own leaders. China has always been simply too big for the centre to maintain absolute control, but in Vietnam it is easier, which in turn makes a decision by the party to loosen its grip all the

more agonising to take. The cartoonist Gary Trudeau has been having fun lately in his Doonesbury strip with a US veteran's inability to come to terms with the present. He returns to Vietnam full of wary defensive-ness, only to find the locals completely uninterested in denouncing him - they are too busy wheeling and dealing. But you could make the same jokes about the country's Communist hierarchy, who often seem equally out of sympathy with the desire of ordinary Vietnamese to get on with their lives.

Having fought so many enemies for so long, much of the leadership in Hanoi remains imprisoned by a war mentality. In this sense, they have more in common with the hairy veterans who hang around the Vietnam war memorial in Washington, peddling their conspiracy theories about Americans still being held in jungle PoW camps, than they do with their younger countrymen.

Football's bitterest pill

William Hartston swallows hard data with disappointing results

Pootball, even before the events of Wednesday balling context. Thugs are cornight, was responsible for nearly a sixth of the dis-appointment in this country and more than a lifth of all the bitter disappointment. Over 57 per cent of the national hooliganism is also football related. These are the inevitable conclusions of my computer analysis of the past three years of a cross-section of national newspapers. The

figures make sobering reading: Of the 18,828 articles including the word "disappointment" in this vast database, no fewer than 3,126 also contained the word "football". Of the 594 cases of "bitter disappoint-ment", 120 were football related, and of the 1,150 people who have been "bitterly disappointed, football was the implied cause in 267 instances.

Still worse, for every fish that has been gutted (159 in total), there have been more than three gutted footballers (484 altogether). Gutted buildings, however, (518) are still ahead of the footballers.

Surprisingly enough, though, of the 2,699 parrots referred to, only 434 have been sick, and perhaps even more astoundingly, of the 3,342 penalty shoot-outs, only 345 have been dramatic.

Off the field, we have seen 3,255 yobs (of whom 713 have had football connections) and 8,088 thugs (1;222 of whom are football-related). The hooligans, however, have made the game their own with 1,904 out of a total of 3,329 practising football followers.

tainly more victous than yobs or hooligans - one in 14 thugs is a vicious thug compared with one in 25 yobs and one in 27 hooligans - but they are considerably less ugly (one in 40 compared with one in 29 and one in 26) and less mindless (one in 40, one in 24 and one in 27 respectively for the three groups). The most significant figures.

however, appear when we investigate the connections of mindlessness and football. Of the 1,976 "mindless" incidences, 356 occurred in close proximity to the word "football", and of those 356, there were 55 mindless yobs, 76 mindless thugs and 86 mindless hooligans. In other words. while football attracts only one in three of our mindless thugs. and two out of every five of our mindless yobs, it is the natural home for more than 70 per

cent of our mindless hooligans. ls our national sport just unlucky to attract such people? The figures do indeed confirm that football attracts more than its fair share of bad luck. Of the 8,313 occurences of the word "unlucky", 1,415 were in a footballing context, and one in 22 of those was desperately unlucky. By comparison, cricketers were unlucky only 660 times and desperately unlucky on only 20 occasions. This shows that an unlucky footballer is 50 per cent more likely to be desperately unlucky than an unlucky cricketer. A bitterly disappointing result for

PRODUCT WITHDRAWAL NOTICE



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A regulatory reclassification

following a recent routine review of data on potential eye irritation by the Government's Pesticide Safety Directorate has led to the withdrawal of approval for the sale, supply and use of the garden product 'Roseclear'. Both Zeneca Agrochemicals, the manufacturer of 'Rosedear', and its UK distributor immediately ceased supplying the product to the market and are withdrawing

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A separate freephone helpline has been set up for retailers.

'Roseclear' Helpline for Gardeners: 0800 118822 'Roseclear' Helpline for Retailers: 0800 119922

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Cubby Broccoli

If he wasn't the richest film pro- an independent producer, Brocducer in the world, Cubby Broc- coli came to England in 1950 coli was certainly one of the and set up Warwick Films, with most enduring. He made his first film in 1950 and 12 years later, with an adaptation of Ian

Broccoli later called "profitable" Fleming's spy story Dr No. crap", such as Hell Below Zero started producing the most (1954), The Black Knight (1954), profitable series of films ever.

With his Mafia don looks and air of honeyed affluence, Broccoli might easily have been cast an brigand and Anita Ekberg as one of 007's power-crazed adversaries, but for one thing. Everybody liked him. Well, al-most everybody. You don't get to be the world's richest producer without biting a few heads off. "It's a dog-cat-dog business," he said. "I don't think I'm difficult. You just have to remind people you're there."

Having the same name as a vegetable was probably more of a spur than a handicap in his youth. His uncle imported the first broccoli seed to an initially hostile America. Cubby helped him out on a vegetable farm on Long Island, washing and crating the produce for delivery to Harlem market on horse-drawn carts. For most of his life, Broccoli believed his forebears were peasant farners from southern Italy, until he discovered late in life that his family actually hailed from the north, and were writers, politicians and historians.

Broccoli left the family business to become manager of the United Casket Company, which made coffins, an experience that hardened his resolve to leave New York and go west. He sold jewellery, cosmetics and Christmas trees on the streets of Los Angeles before finding a fill-time job in the mailroom of Twentieth Century Fox. He progressed to tea-boy, through an assortment of behind-thescenes jobs culminating in assistant director to Howard Hawks on *The Outlaw* (1943), starring Jane Russell. During the nine-month shoot he doubled as Russell's bodyguard.

in the Second World War he served four years with the US Navy, and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant in the special services.

Returning to Hollywood. Broccoli went to work for Charles Feldman, a leading agent whose clients included Ava Gardner and Lana Turner.

Fire Down Below (1957) and, his own favourite, Zarak (1956), with Victor Mature as an Indiwith a ruby in her navel. Warwick also produced the more es-timable The Trials of Oscar Wilde (1960) and The Cock-

leshell Herocs (1955), starring

and directed by José Ferrer.

Broccoli split with Allen in 1960 and worked on the notion of adapting Ian Fleming's Bond stories for the screen. When he tried to buy the rights, he found someone else had an option on them for 28 days, an abrasive Canadian named Harry Saltzman. The two decided to pool their resources and, after being kicked out by most of the big studios, went to United Artists to ask for a million dollars to make Dr No. They were given \$800,000, of which \$100,000 had to go to Ian Fleming, plus 5 per cent of the profits.

As the budgets increased and the phenomenon grew, Fleming's books became largely redundant. So long as the screenplay crackled with oneliners and the plot made reasonable sense, what really mattered was the gadgetry and special effects. Broccoli acquired permission from the Fleming estate to carry on making Bonds after the source material had dried up. The series reached its box office peak in 1983 with Octopussy, and has been in decline ever since.

The volatile partnership between Broccoli and Saltzman survived nine successive Bond films. Saltzman sold out to United Artists in 1973 for an estimated £17.5m, although Eon Productions, the company they set up together, is extant.

While it may have been primarily a marriage of financial convenience. Stanley Sopel, who worked as a financial adviser to Bon, said theirs was a complementary working rela-tionship that worked. "Cubby was the practical one. He sorted out problems in shooting, or personal relationships. Harry was the ideas man, and every so



Broccoll, centre, with Barbara Bach and Roger Moore, at Pinewood Studios during the filming of The Spy Who Loved Me, 1977. Below, D. No (1962) was the first of the Bond films produced by the Saltzman-Broccoli team

The casting of the then unknown Scan Connery was a reckless, spur-of-the-moment decision they reached jointly, and its unpopularity with the studio bosses convinced them they were right. Their obstina-cy was vindicated when Connery turned out to be a winner with the public. Connery remained a close friend of Broccoli's for two decades, but the relationship soured in the mid 1980s when he tried to sue Broccoli over his alleged share of the profits of the five films he made as James Bond.

Broccoli spent a great deal of his time and money on litiga-tion, always fighting to keep control of the cinema's most sought-after gravy train. While he hated paperwork, he would happily spend hours on the telephone, playing cat-and-mouse games with agents over star salaries. Whenever possible. he would avoid using stars in supporting roles, especially female ones. "It doesn't matter who we use, so long as she's beautiful," he once said. He particularly enjoyed the

often he would come up with a gem." films involving Roger Moore, since he and Moore were friends, and Moore's passion for backgammon helped Broccoli stay away from the gaming tables. Earlier on in the Bond series, when he and Saltzman first becane seriously rich, he would disappear for days, win-

ning or losing thousands at one

sitting. He once broke the bank

at a casino in Macao.

Rarely a boastful man, Cubby Broccoli wasn't averse to the occasional burst of flamboyance. One New Year's Eve in Beverly Hills, he covered the five acres of his estate with "real snow". manufactured by means of a snow machine, using tons of real ice. Justifying the vast expenditure later to an incredulous reporter, Broccoli said, "I don't give a damn. I've worked hard. Now and then I feel I can have

Nick Smurthwaite

Albert Romolo ("Cubby") Broccoli, film producer: born Long Island, New York 5 April 1909; OBE 1987: married 1959 Dana Wilson (two sons, two daughters); died Beverly Hills, California 27

Nicholas John

The sudden death of Nicholas John has shocked the opera world. He was in Liechtenstein, leading a group of music lovers to a Schubert festival in Austria when he fell in bad weather during a solitary walk

on a mountain. John was the English National Opera's dramaturge - a term which Kenneth Tynan introduced into the language from German - and the only dramaturge in a British opera company. His responsibilities became greater year by year as his wide knowledge of all aspects of opera, from its history and annals of performance to the practicalities of making repertory works shine anew, and of reviving forgotten works successfully, became increasingly recognised.

He totally changed the pro-grammes of the ENO so that patrons stopped objecting to the price, given the wealth of readable and relevant information they contained. He filled them with illustrations that he went to endless pains to find, as well as including articles not always directly about the subject of the opera, but in some way con-nected to it. He edited the series of ENO Opera Guides, of which 48 have appeared, each a heavily illustrated paperback with articles, the complete text, thematic guide to the music and much reference material. He brought out two books, one on Don Giovanni and one on La Traviata, each exhibiting unconventional scholarship, and he had nearly completed the Blue Guide to Operatic Europe. He was to be the next editor of the updated Kobbé's Complete

Opera Book. John was developing an international reputation as a lecturer on opera and a leader of operatic and musical tours. such as the one on which he died, holiday sidelines to him, which enabled him to fill out his knowledge, build his European contacts and share his enthusiasm for an art that the ENO, in contradistinction to Covent Garden, has struggled to keep affordable, democratic and spread over a wide and adventurous repertoire. He was the backroom boy par excellence, who increasingly had earned his right to be in the front room.

Although he was very much a part of the old team (Jonas/ Elder/Pountney) that had scored so many successes in the used friend as well as a colleague. past decade, he had no difficulty in adapting to the current one, which recognised how much it needed him by increasing his

responsibilities as literary Nicholas John was born in

1952 and educated at Westminster and University College, Oxford. He became a solicitor before his obvious penchant for the arts led him to desert the law for a job with the Harrogate Festival and the ENO, which he joined in 1976. The idea for the Opera Guides was his and he approached me as a musical publisher in 1979 when we decided to make them much more comprehensive than his original plan, adding the complete text. Over the years they were revised and enlarged and are now the best-

known such series in the world. John's tastes were wide and he kept up with modern theatre and non-operatic music, constantly making matches between those who worked in different arts. He played a major role in the Coliseum's outreach programmes and their workshops to bring new works into being. His creativity would undoubtedly have evidenced itself in opera production, either as a librettist or producer. He leaves a gap that it will be extremely difficult to fill.

Two things always struck people about Nick John, writes the Earl of Harewood: his knowledge of opera and his enthusiasm. We were lucky to employ him at English National Opera as soon as he had made up his mind what he wanted to do, and his qualities were invaluable. At first he struck one as rather closed in, even forbidding, but when I mentioned this to a colleague, he said: "Just make

him smile." It worked; he beamed, and we became friends. After I left ENO's management and became chairman, I used to see him quite frequently and last year asked him to take over the editorship of Kobbé's Complete Opera Book, an enlargement and revision of which we planned and on which I would work with him. Again, those two qualities

were heavily in evidence. I found him packed with knowledge of rare works, full of enthusiasm about writing about them, and we laughed at the same things. We had been working assiduously together for the first six months of this year. his death means the loss of a val-

Nicholas John, writer, editor and dramaturge: born 18 August



Ted Nightingale

Ted Nightingale was blessed with two characteristics that never failed to impress anyone - a deep love for life in Africa, first in Sudan and then in Kenva, and a fierce determination to make the best of every circumstance. He played polo until he was 85, retiring only when his horse grew too old. And at 90 he forced himself to do something that often flummoxes men half his age: he learnt to use a computer to write his first book, which will

be nublished next year. It is unfashionable to find anything good to say about the British in Africa, but Nightingale was the best sort of colonial officer. Modest, humorous. unfailingly kind, he was concerned above all with the wellbeing of those who came within

his charge and always enthusiastic about any new venture they

ters of a Devon vicar, Nightingale went to Rugby and then to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where a chance meeting with another Emmanuel graduate, on leave from the Sudan, fired up his enthusiasm. He sailed for Port Sudan in 1926. armed with a half a dozen white lawn shirts with detachable collars from Hawkes in Savile Row - which would never be worn - and ready for a life that depended more on nous than on social niceties.

All new recruits to the Sudan political service were put on two vears' probation, until they passed exams in Arabic and law. For all that, they often found themselves in sole charge of a

Darfur, Gezira, Nyala and to play polo, which became a together as many other British al-Ghazal district in southern Sudan, among the Dinka tribesmen whom he came to respect and admire. Trekking on camelback - sometimes for as much

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James Bond

as 10 hours a day - he acted as a magistrate, assessed taxes on crops, settled grazing disputes between warring tribes, and filled in some blank spots on the map for the survey department.

Although Nightingale was ordered by the administration to stay at his post throughout the Second World War, not all his work was drudgery. The cattle-loving Baggara Arabs of southern Darfur often called him out to shoot the lion and leopard that attacked their herds. Nightingale became a

vast area from the very begin-ning. Nightingale served in before breakfast. He also learnt to buy another farm at Naivasha rather than quit the country alray of pets, including two cheetah named Swan and Edgar.

Photographs: Ronald Grant Archive

He retired from the service iust before Sudan gained independence in 1954 after serving as governor of Equatoria province, again in the south, where he became active in the growing controversy between northern and southern Sudan.

Determined not to leave Africa, Nightingale and his Kenyan-born wife, Billie Ray, whom he had married in 1944, moved to be close to her parents in Kenya. At the height of the Mau Mau, they bought a farm on the Kinangop. Nine vears later they were forced to leave it when Kenya gained in-dependence in 1963, but chose

set about developing the biggest turkey farm in Africa. Starting out with 250 day-old poults, the enterprise swelled until today it produces 30,000 birds a year.

He and Billie had a marriage of unusual closeness and their farm was a draw for all kinds of visitors in search of company, advice, or just a glass of whisky. At a party to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in 1994, Billie surprised their eight grandchildren by donning her wedding dress and dancing till the small hours.

He died, after a brief illness. while on leave in England. The former British high commissioner "Johnny" Johnson gave the address at the funeral. But

the last word was given to Simon Kuseyo, a groom whom Nightside after the family funeral near Cheltenham, Kusevo grabbed a clump of earth in his hand and said to another mourner in Kiswahili, "Kweli, hii ne kwaheri ya kweli" ("Truly this is the last goodbye"). Nightingale was such a fixture in Kenyan life, his farm workers, when they hear the tape of the funeral, will find it hard to believe he is gone.

Fiammetta Rocco

Edward Humphrey Nightingale, colonial administrator and farmer: born 19 August 1904: Governor, Equatoria Province, Sudan 1952-54; CMG 1955; married 1944 Billie Ray (three sons, one daughter): died

Births. Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

BAIN: On 21 June, to Tacey (nee Cromin) and David, a third bonny daughter, Cecily, a sister for Athene

DEATHS

DAVIES JONES: Eva, widow of Harn Danes Jones, mother of lestyn an Louise, grandmother of Leah, sud-denly on 22 June. Service at St Paul's Chirich, Bedford, on Thesday 2 July at 11.30m to which you are all wel-come. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund preferred in feu of Granars to be sent on Cherchus & flowers to be sent do Clarabut & Plumbe, 11 Kragway, Bedford. Tele-phone 01234 354547. Yr hyn a aliedd ison, ia a'i gwnaeth.

KING: Mary, MBE, of Bourne End, Bucks, died on 27 June, peacefully at Wixombe General Hespital, aged 91. Cremation at Children, Crematerium Amersham, on Thursday 4 July, Spin. Family (lowers only. If desired, do-nations to British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to G. Smith, Funeral Di-

WILLIAMSON: Mark, who showed enormous comage in his fight against Aids, hypocrass, projudice and injus-tice. He died, aged 34, shortly before Midsammer : Day, at St Mary's Hos patal. Paddington: London WP. He was always surrounded by friends and will live on through them. A celebratum of his life, for his hundred closest friends, will be held at the London Lightham. Lighthouse on the morning of 1 July People who knew him well should contact the Lighthouse this weekend for details of arrangements and the allocation of donations. With all my

For Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS picase telephone 0171-293 2011 or fex to 0171-293 2010,

Birthdays TODAY: Prince Bernhard of the

Netherlands, 85; Mr Richard Alexan-der MP, 62; Mr Ian Bannen, actor, 68: The Hon Charlotte Bingham, au-thor, 54: Dr Jeremy Bray MP, 60; Lord Cornwallis, former chairman, Town and Country Building Society, 75: Mr David Donaldson, painter, 80; Baroness Farrington of Ribbleton. chairman, Association of County Councils. So; Sir Frank Gibb, president. Taylor Woodrow Con-struction, 69; Lady Greengross, director-general Age Concern Eng-land, 61; Mr George Howarth MP, 47; Sir Rex Hunt, former Governor of the Falkland Islands, 70; Sir Brian Hutton, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, 65; Sir Miles Irving, Professor of Surgery, Manchester University, 61; Professor Martin Jones, archaeologist, 45; Mr Rafael Kubelik, conductor, 82; Mr Michael McIntyre, yachtsman, 40; Mr Nigel Richardson, Headmoster, The Perse School, Cambridge, 48; Mr Geoffrey Woolley, journalist, 81.

mer senior civil servant. 82: Mr Richard Bull, former Headmaster, Rugh School, 66; Mr Ian Hay Davi son, chairman, Storehouse, tō: Mr John Doble, High Commissioner to Swaziland, 55; Mr John Fraser MP, 62: Mr Keith Grant, former Director. Design Council. 62; Mr Tony Hatch, songwriter and hyricist, 57: Li-Gen Sir Henry Leask, former General Officer Commanding for Scotland, 83; Mr David Lidington MP. 40; Mr James Loughran, conductor, 65; Sir Eric Richardson, former Director, Polytechnic of Central London, 91; Mr Mike J.K. Smith, cricketer and rugby player, 63; Mr Mike Tyson, heavyweight boxer, 30.

Anniversaries TODAY: Births: Conte Giacomo Leopardi, poet, 1798; Antoine-Maric

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Roger de Saint-Esupery, aviator and author, 1900; Nelson Eddy, actor and singer, 1901. Deaths: Thomas Addison, physician and discoverer of "Addison's disease". 1860; Elizabeth Addison scheese: 1800; Elizareth Barrett Browning, poet, 1861; Joseph Aloxsius Hansom, inventor of the hansom cab, 1882; Thomas Henry Hurdey, biologist, 1895; Paul Klee, painter, 1940; Ignaz Jan Paderews-ki, pianist and statesman, 1941; Jayne Mansfield (Vera Jayne Palmer), actress, killed in a car crash 1967; Lana Turner (Julia Jean Mildred Frances Turner), actress, 1995 On this day: Shakespeare's Globe Theatre was burned down, 1613: the Daily Relegach was first published. 1855; the Press Association was founded, 1868; an Act legalising frades Unions was passed, 1871; the foundation stone of Westminster Cathedral was laid, 1895; Sir Roger Casement, an Irish revolutionary, was condemned to death for treason, 1916; US troops were withdrawn from Korea, 1949; US planes bombed Hanoi, North Vietnam. 1400. Today is the Feast Day of St Cassius of Nami, St Paul the Apos-TOMORROW: Sir Max Brown, fortle, St Peter the Apostic and Saints

Salome and Judith.

TOMORROW: Births: John Gav. poet and playwright, 1685; Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker, surgeon and hotanist, 1817; Harold Joseph Laski, politician and economist, 1893; Walter Ulbricht, East German leader, 1893, Deaths: Dr Lee De Forest, radio and sound engineer, 1961; Margery Louise Allingham, novelist, 1966; Nancy Freeman Mitford, au-thor, 1973; Littian Hellman, playwright, 1984. On this day: the use of the pillory was abolished by Parlia-ment, 1837; the Stamp Tax on news-papers was abolished in Britain, 1855; Blondin, the acrobat, crossed Niagara Falls on a tightrope with a man on his back, 1859; Tower Bridge in London was officially opened. 1894; an enormous natural explosion,

the largest in modern history, took place in Siberia, 1908; the novel Gone With the Wind was first published 1936; Guernsey was occupied by German forces, 1940; the Soviet spacecraft Sovie 11 returned to Earth but all three cosmonants were found to be dead in their seats, 1971. Tomorrow is the Feast Day of St Bertrand of Le Mans, St Emma, St Erentrude, St Martial of Limoges, St Theobald or Thibaud of Provins and The First Martyrs of the Church

Lectures

TODAY Huckvale, "Music, Morris and Contemporary Vicuosian Artists", 2.30pm. National Portrait Gallery: Margaret Wolfit, "A Woman of Importance: Elizabeth Garrett Anderson", 3pm TOMORROW

Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury, "Jackson Pollock and the Real Mc-National Portrait Gallery. Simone Mathews, "Pompeo Batoni and Por-traits of the English Gentleman on the Grand Tour", 3pm.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

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A postcard from Babylon-on-Sea So here the Methodists are in Blackpool, Bahylon-by-the-Sea! Our Annual Con-ference is playing at the Winter Gardens.

We have struggle through a forest of ads for the National Lottery and a mass of chirping slot machines. We seem to be surviving uncorrupted. The most innocent delegates are the most disappointed. "Is that it?" they complain, as they peer into yet

another drag-queen revue.

As you walk away from the centre of town, however, the glitz soon gives way to secdiness. You see the truth of the claim that the poorest parts of Blackpool fare as badly as those of the poorest parts of Manchester. As in so many seaside towns, budget bed-and-breakfast holiday accommodation has turned into Social Security funded B & D, offering permanent holidays in bell.

We have spent a lot of time worrying about poverty. It is only at the conference that you realise how many Methodists are directly engaged in the issues. How do we keep so much work going when we are ourselves hard up? And we tend to be much better at denouncing poverty than

understanding it.
It was in this setting that Alan Deacon, Professor of Social Policy in Leeds, gave our annual Beckly Lecture. He dared to suggest that the argument has been about resources for too long, and now it needs to be about the behaviour that the welfare system imposes on the poor. It is true that it is wrong to "blame the victim", but a breadwinner upon whom the rest of us that has now become a slogan that suppresses thought. Deacon produced a startling quotation from the fourth-century preacher John Chrysostom, who had nev-

faith reason empt from it. Their refusal to see that dependence within the family and dependence on the state has been disas-

The Rev John Kennedy argues this week that we can no longer neglect or ignore the moral consequences of poverty and the ways in which they create more misery for the poor.

gossip about the whole world, think you are not idle. And then you look at someone who spends the entire day begging, in tears and suffering, and you dare ask for an account!"

Great stuff. But this tradition of denunciation has now run on the rocks. For the problem is not any more to shame the rich into charitable giving. It is to judge a system of poverty maintenance that costs £70bn a year, which generates misery for the poor and threatens to bankrupt the country. You can see that fact built large in Deacon's own city; the great, neobrutalist tower of the Department of Social Security, the Ministry of Love,

looms over the south side of Leeds. When most of us were much poorer, we lived in families that functioned around were more or less dependent. We didn't know any better, and that dependence was negotiated through something like love. Now we are much richer. But our new er been to Blackpool: "You who spend the forms of dependence are negotiated with days in theatres and merriment, you who the state. That isn't anything like love. It's

cruelty at a distance. Nor is the Left extrous. Deacon passed on A.H. Halsey's udgement that the decline of the family is not only a social evil but "the cancer in the lungs of the modern Left".

Deacon is suggesting that here is another shift in the way we see welfare in our society, and that it has a Christian root. He sees the recent tradition of unconditional welfare as essentially shallow. It claimed to speak for the poor, but it colhided in the present Orwellian ensemble. It refused any discussion of poor people's behaviour and so failed to warn of the corrupting effect of the welfare system.

Deacon reports that Tony Blair wants to change all that. He aims to engage directly with people's capacity for personal responsibility - to move from a dubious altruism to genuine mutuality. Moreover, we are not to expect anything so feeble as mere exhortation. These new muscular Christians will encourage and compel, in schools, at work, on the dole,

on housing estates. Wow.
It is hard to see anything else working. and in principle such a programme would be welcome to a mass of public service professionals and community workers, from the churches and elsewhere, wanting to sharpen the encouragement and take the edge off the compulsion. This is a vision of remoralisation that could work. But for it to work on a significant scale, how tough do you have to get, and with whom? A system recalling Orwell is bad enough. One that sounds as if it was devised by Cromwell perhaps needs a little



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Hotel deal paves way for Lonrho split

Dieter Bock made an important breakthrough yesterday in the rebuilding of Lonrho, the former Tiny Rowland fieldom, buying back a one-third stake in the company's Metropole hotel chain from Muammar Gadaffi's Libyan government, Mr Bock said the \$389m (£250m) deal meant that a proposed three-way split of Lonrho later this year, hiving off hotels and African trading operations from the company's mining core, could go ahead.

Mr Bock said a traditional demerger of the three businesses. shares to existing Lonrho shareholders, had been shelved because of tax complications in



many of the countries in which

Lonrho operated, Instead, the hotels and trading operations will be sold off, by the year-end, in public offerings of shares.

Poison pill neutralised: Dieter Bock's (left) buy-back of Muammar Gaddafi's Metropole stake unshackles Lonrho

Analysis speculated that the deal in effect put Lonrho's mining interests up for sale. Mr to sell his 18 per cent stake in

group, which has an option over the shares.

He will reinvest some of the proceeds in the African trading business and plans to head up the new company. That would give Anglo, which

earlier this year bought a 6 per cent stake in Lontho from Mr Rowland, the former chairman. a near-25 per cent holding in the rump mining operation, whose biggest asset by far is a shareholding in the separately quoted Ashanti Goldfields.

It acquired the shares, and the option over Mr Bock's holding this year, after a proposed mining merger with Gencor was blocked by the European

Other senior executives from

Lonrho to Anglo American. Lonrho will also transfer to £800m. The African trading the South African mining the African trading business af operation has a price tag of ter the split, and the company will probably take the Loutho name, in effect creating a "new Lonrho". The rump Lonrho will have no equity interest in the trading or hotels operations businesses are hard to value ac-

following the transactions. Lonrho is paying the Libyans \$389m for the Metropole stake, removing a poison-pill holding that was widely seen as pre-venting a planned flotation of the hotels operation. The price was struck by

paid for the shares in 1992. Analysis think the hotels operation, which includes the British Metropole chain as well

adding a notional rate of inter-

est to the \$307m the Libyans

as the American-based Princess

about £500m on it, although analvsts admit that its collection of agriculture, motor import, property and manufacturing

Mr Bock said he plans to have a stake of between 20 and 25 per cent in the African operations, which might include some or all of Lourho's African hotels and possibly the Hondo oil and gas business in the US.

He described the African trading company as a unique ve-hicle for institutions to gain an exposure to the growing economies of Africa. Emerging market funds are expected to be among the new company's

largest shareholders.
The hotels operation is ex-

ant hotel market as occupancy and room rates continue to recover from the industry's deep

recession in the early 1990s. Recent hotel company flotations have all moved to early premiums.

News of the proposed changes at Lonrho accompanied interim figures, showing a 15 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £52m to £60m. Earnings per share increased from 3.2p to 3.7p and a maintained dividend of 2.25p will be paid. Borrowings, which Mr Bock said he hoped the flotations would almost completely re-move, were £579m.

Lonrho's share price, which reached a low of 59p after the sale of the Metropole stake in 1992 closed 3p higher at 185p.

£1m pay bonanza sparks new row at Grid

MICHAEL HARRISON

A fresh pay storm erupted at the National Grid yesterday after it emerged that one of its directors is in line for a £1m pay and perks bonanza under a new share option scheme unveiled

Mike Grabiner, chief executive of the Grid's telecommunications subsidiary Energis, will be entitled to share awards worth four times his £200,000year salary provided certain performance targets are met.

Five other Energis directors. Including finance director Chris Hibbert, are in line for share awards worth three times their earnings. The Grid defended the share option scheme, saying that Energis was operating in a competitive market and that significant incentives needed to be put in place this year to stimulate performance. Mr Grabiner and Mr Hibbert

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were recruited at the beginning of the year from BT to help bolster the fledgling telecoms op-erator. Losses at Energis rose from £53m to £73m last year and it is not forecast to break even until 1999-2000 when sales are expected to have grown to

The Grid is also in talks, however, to sell off a stake of up to 49 per cent in Energis with AT&T the giant American telecoms group, among the likely bidders. The Grid, bitterly criticised last year for the huge share windfalls directors netted from its flotation, has also introduced a new share scheme for its main board executive di-

Chief executive David Jones and four other directors will be eligible for free shares equivalent to their annual performance bonus this year provided the bonus is invested in share for three years. Mr Jones stands to pick up a

maximum bonus this year of £70,000 which would be matched by free shares. In 1995-96 he received total pay of £248,000 including a performance-linked bonus of £53,000.

The highest-paid director was the Grid's chairman. David Jefferies, who received £253,000 including a £73,000 bonus.

Eric Chefneux, who retired early from the post of engineering services director, received £204,000 in pension contributions in addition to £147,00 pay for the nine months to 31 December 1995.

hotels, could be worth up to Group of Seven summit: Leaders agree to work on increasing relief for poorest countries but skate over detail

Third World is given vague pledge on debt

tained in the economic com-

MARY DEJEVSKY

The leaders of the world's richest nations agreed vesterday to work for an increase in debt relief for the poorest countries and to tighten world trade reg-and skated over important ulations to discourage unilateral action by individual countries.

munique presented by President Jacques Chirac of France on behalf of the Group of Seven industrialised countries meeting at their annual summit in Lyon. points of disagreement.

ction by individual countries.

But the two decisions, condevelopment aid and debt in the

UK offers lead on closer regulation

The British government has how to regulate financial conproposed that every international bank or financial institution should be supervised by a "lead" regulator, writes Diane

At the G7 finance ministers meeting in Lyons yesterday Chancellor Kenneth Clarke put forward the proposal as a key stee in improving co-operation on financial regulation.

The call comes in the wake of several high-profile scandals in the past few years, involving Barings, Daiwa Securities and the on-going Sumitomo copper

bodies, the Bank for Interna- Commission for an American tional Settlements (BIS) and In- investment bank, say. Other ternational Organisation of regulators would retain their ex-Securities Commissions (losco). have spent the past year filling in an outline for closer co-operation published in July 1995. ing a clearer outline of possible

glomerates with a wide range of activities around the globe.

According to senior Trea-sury officials, the British proposal is intended to give a sharper focus to the regulators' discussions. The idea is that an international bank or securities firm would have a "lead" or "convening" regulator with the responsibility for co-ordinating information and calling meetings of all the other regulators overseeing a particular financial institution.

In most cases the choice of lead regulator would be obvious the Securities and Exchange

isting responsibilities. The BIS and losco will contique drawing up measures giv-The aim has been to work out roles for different supervisors, bution of the order of \$2bn.

communique salisfied the desire of the host country, France, and for the least developed countries. Britain and the US were also satisfied by the emphasis on assis-tance linked to the development of free market economies and encouragement for private enterprise and the exercise of financial discipline, which accompanied every mention of aid.

The G7 also set out a series of proposals for reforming and rationalising UN organisations connected with foreign aid, including the appointment of a single under secretary-general to handle development. The move seemed intended to sideline a dispute between the US and European countries about whether the current UN secretary-gen-eral. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, should serve a second term.

A key point of discord in preparation for the summit, however, the question of whether the IMF should sell a small part of its gold reserves to fund additional debt relief, was referred to only obliquely - and immediately interpreted differently by several of the participants. The communique said only that "If needed, the IMF should consider optimising its reserves management to help finance the debt

relief programme. A later paragraph said that the G7 welcomed the World Bank undertaking to commit \$500m to increasing debt relief and would support and work together for an overall World Bank contri-



All smiles: Presidents Jacques Chirac and Helmut Kohl at the start of yesterday's G7 session

The American treasury secretary, Robert Rubin, interpreted this as meaning that \$2bn worth of gold reserves Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, also indicated that gold sales

Compromise was also the were likely. Germany - whose finance minister, Theo Waigel, failed to turn up for yesterday's meetings because his plane broke down - had stood out law that punishes companies as a firm reprimand to the US.

and France had proposed a compromise solution under

order of the day on the other big controversy that has dogged the economic half of the summit: the new US Helms-Burton against any gold sales, and re- and individuals for trading with portedly brought Italy and Cuba. The fact that the law

C&W chairman defends

Japan over to its side. Britain applies not just to US concerns but foreign ones as well has prompted fierce condemwhich the proceeds of the gold nation and charges of extrawould be sold. The British sales would be invested to enterritorial interference from European and Canada.
Yesterday's communique

pleased Washington by avoiding any specific mention either of the US or Helms-Burton, but issued what the EU officials described Separately, Russia's longstanding hopes of joining the

On the break-down of recent

merger talks with BT, Mr Smith

said the board had a clear duty

to shareholders to investigate

the proposal but it became

clear "the obstacles were in-

tractable and that the lengthy

discussions were blocking some

Cable & Wireless said reports

of the other options we wished

Group of Seven receded yesterday when President Chirac said the G7 was essentially an economic grouping "which is used to working together" and Russia's economy did not meet the requirements for membership. Mr Chirac was speaking soon after the arrival of the Russian prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, to take part in the second part of the summit, which is devoted to political issues, including Bosnia.

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Sweet £7m of notes for Pitcher & Piano player

NIGEL COPE

A former Rolls-Royce aeroengineer netted £7m yesterday when his chain of seven Pitchor & Piano theme bars was sold for £20m to Marston, Thompson & Eveshed, the regional brewer and pub group. Crispin Tweddel, 49, started

the Pitcher & Piano chain as a the Sofa Workshops furniture single bar in Fulham West London in 1986, Yesterday Marstons said the bars would pravide a retail brand to match its Pedi-

number of Pitcher & Piano burs to 14 with outlets in Islington. Newcastle Glasgow. Manchester, Leeds and Edin-The deal underlines the high

value of themed or branded pubs and restaurants. It follows cheque-waving last week when sign consultancies, says he ground next year.

for the Magic Pub Company, a group of nearly 300 puls founded by Michael Cannon. Mr Tweddel has made his for-

tune via the Piper Trust, his investment vehicle which also owns Cranks wholefood restaurants. The trust's venture canital group also owns a stake in chain and Pied a Terre, a group of fashionable shoe shops. He will stay on as chairman of Pitcher & Piano.

The Pitcher & Piano is aimed Marstons hopes to double the at trendy 18-35-year-olds with a relatively high disposable income. With an emphasis on quality design and a high level of comfort, the bars include stripped wood floors, waitress service food, sofas and the obligatory grand piano. Mr Tweddell, 48, who used to work a similar bout of corporate at the Fitch and Wolff Olins de-

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moving away from the notion of | ble & Wireless, yesterday dethe old-fashioned boozer, "We could see people were not hap-py with what was on offer. Men went to pubs and women went to wine bars. The bars were intended as a kind of home from home with a simple selections of drinks. None of this palaver with wine lists."

The venture proved a terrific success, riding on the back of the yuppre boom but continuing to prosper thorough the recession. In the year to June 1995 the chain made profits of £830,000 on sales of £5.4m. This year it expects to make £1m

profit on sales of £7.7m. Mr Tweddell is already dreaming up his next venture. Called Dream and Do, it will be a gardening catalogue with telephone-based ordering. He hopes to get the concept off the

compensation payouts Greene King paid nearly £300m hatched the idea as a way of [Brian Smith, chairman of Ca- cellent financial shape," Mr Smith said.

fended compensation payouts to two former directors and insisted C&W had no intention of "dumping" its Mercury Com-munications division.

Speaking at the company's annual meeting, Mr Smith said the payments to former chairman Lord Young of Graffham and former chief executive James Ross, were "what they were due to that point". He described the terms of three months' pay plus their share option entitlements as standard. The two directors, who were

asked to leave the company in November, were reportedly offered compensation of £2.4m and £1.3m respectively. "Leav-ing emotion aside, I believe this was a fair settlement for two people who had worked hard and successfully for the com-

He was also quizzed by one shareholder on why incoming chief executive Dick Brown was immediately granted an option package worth an esti-

mated £2.6m.

He replied that the deal was "the sort of incentive package required to get a top-level executive from the US to come on board". Mr Brown takes up his post on Monday. Mr Smith said that in Europe,

Communications had come back strongly from its disap-pointing year in 1994/95 and while there was more work to be done, the results "are now coming through". He denied speculation that C&W wanted to "dump it". "It remains a cornerstone of our European strat-egy and Europe continues to be pany and who had left it in ex- one of our main areas of focus."

that the company is considering a stake sale in majority owned its majority-owned Mercury

Hong Kong Telecom to the Chinese were "purely specula-tive". A Hong Kong newspaper had yesterday quoted a "senior C&W source" as saying the company would consider selling part of its 57.5 per cent holding in HK Telecom to the Chinese to help secure better access to the Chinese telecoms market.

Mr Smith said that despite the upsets and excitement" of the 1995/96 year, the true picture was one of solid growth. CURRENCIES

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'It is hard to know, what, if anything, should or can be done to halt the ever-upward spiral of executive pay. To attack it through the taxation system would only undermine incentive as well as driving some of our best high-earning

talent offshore'

How Greenbury has boosted executive excess

It is as if the Greenbury Committee on top executive pay never existed. This is the season of annual accounts and in all but a few rare instances, their pages faithfully record that executive salaries and perks continue to motor upwards, in many cases at a rate of knots. True, disclosure has generally been improved by the Greenbury recommendations, but if the idea was that this would shame remuneration committees into paying their executives less, then Greenbury has falled in its purpose. There is not the faintest glimmer of restraint. If anything the

effect seems to have been rather the reverse. By exposing the excess of a few, greater disclosure has tended to drag up the rest. Nor is the phenomenon confined to the boardroom, many executives claim. When the directors of often quite small publicly quoted companies are revealed to be pay-ing themselves so handsomely, it is hard to resist the demands of larger company executives who, though only running divisions and subsidiaries, are none the less respon-

sible for much bigger organisations.
Paradoxically then, enhanced disclosure seems also to be raising "the going rate".

The evidence of this is not just anecdotal; it is also confirmed by the statistics, which show the number of top earners (£100,000-plus) growing as never before. In a period of widespread wage restraint, low inflation and very considerable corporate downsizing, you might expect the reverse to be occurring.

Some executives attribute the fault in all

this to the new disclosure rules themselves. | placed by executive bonuses which - and this | force. Regardless of the moral rights and Without Greenbury, it is claimed, there wouldn't be all this inflationary benchmarking of salaries and perics. Tosh. The implication of this argument is that the tide of excess could be held back by keeping the privileges of the few secret from the rest. in the modern world such obfuscation would be as unacceptable as it is unrealistic.

Even among the privatised utilities, which sparked the "fat cats" row in the first place, there is little evidence of any change of heart. True, the unreconstructed share option schemes which made many utility bosses into overnight millionaires, are on the whole disappearing. Since water and electricity share prices have already enjoyed most of their upside potential, however, their demise hurts no one. Instead, new and even better wheezes are being devised - the long-term, performance-related bonus being the most apparent. Take the one revealed in the National Power accounts earlier this week. According to the small print, executive directors can hope to boost their base salaries by 50 per cent through short- and long-term bonus schemes by showing "sustained, solid, relative performance". Er ...this might sound a bit old-fashioned but is that not what salaries are meant for? It would appear that National Power directors

earn their bonus just for doing their job.
The package available to National Grid directors is in some respects even worse. The

is the good bit - if invested in National Grid shares is doubled by the company in the form of an equal and opposite number of free National Grid shares.

Nor have the rewards of outright failure or worse been much damaged by the turgid and largely pointless meanderings of the Cadbury and Greenbury committees. True, Peter Robinson, former chief executive of the Woolwich building society, dropped his claim for compensation but he still walked away with a lump sum and pension that many would kill for. And to prove the old truism that once on the merry-go-round, it is hard to fall off, he's already being harrassed by the headhunters. So much for the argument that executive pay and perks merely reflect the insecurities of the job.

It is hard to know, what, if anything should or can be done to halt the everupward spiral of executive pay. To attack it through the taxation system would only undermine incentive as well as driving some of our best high-earning talent offshore. But to those who argue that there is nothing wrong with it in any case, because it provides something to aspire to and because top executive pay is only a tiny and insignificant pro-

portion of a company's costs, there is a counter. The evidence is that excess in the

boardroom is driving up executive pay across the board. Even in today's flexible

labour markets, there will eventually be a knock-on effect further down the labour

MICHAEL HARRISON

The Director General of Fair

Trading, John Bridgeman, set

himself on a collision course

with Labour yesterday by rejecting one of the key changes

the party would make to com-

petition policy once in power.

overhaul the way mergers are vetted so that bidders have to

prove that hostile takeovers

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wrongs of the process, then, the long-term effects on corporate health may be highly damacine.

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Bock scores a point, but a long game awaits

It was a long and bitterly fought grudge match, but ultimately flamboyant old world skills of Tiny Rowland were no match for clinical finish of the modern day German. As on the football pitch, so in the world of business; what the Germans want they tend,

eventually, to get.
Dieter Bock must have wondered at many times since boarding Lonrho whether it was all worth the candle, but yesterday he almost smiled. Unwinding the sale of a third of the Metropole hotel chain to the Libyan government will surely be seen as the turning point in his attempt to rebuild the flawed empire Tiny Rowland collected so obsessively over the years.

With the Library queering the pitch, there was no way Mr Bock's ultimate breakup plan would ever go ahead. Now it seems there is little that can stop Lourho's hotels and African trading operations being floated off by Christmas, Game over,

Quite what Colonel Gaddafi will think of the deal his minions have struck is another matter. Simply adding interest at 6.6 per cent to the \$307m he paid Tiny in 1992 is hardly demand. His toughest game is yet to kick off.

a fair reflection of what has happened to the hotel market in the past four years.

Tiny's last desperate throw of the dice was made at the low point of the post-Gulf war international travel slump, since when the tourist and business travel industry has boomed. Lonrho has managed to hold on to all the upside while the Libyans took the

equity risk. The most interesting aspect of Lourho's dismemberment, however, is Mr Bock's apparently new-found interest in running a far-flung African trading empire. It remains to be seen whether developing property in a highly developed European market will prove an appropriate training for the fingerin-the-air trading skills demanded in most African countries. Tiny's greatest contempt was reserved for his successor's aspirations in the region he believed no one else could ever really understand. He thought the whole tawdry battle over his expenses only underlined how little Mr Bock knew about

doing business in the Dark Continent. Even if Tiny is proved wrong on this, and the break-up of single-country fieldoms into pan-continental agriculture, motors and property businesses starts to bear fruit, it is not immediately apparent that Africa is the coming emerging market Lourho thinks. As long as its economies remain almost wholly dependent on the latest harvest, it is hard to see Mr Bock's new baby providing

Fresh allegations link China with copper scam

JOHN WILLCOCK

The Sumitomo copper scandal has escalated significantly with allegations of a cartel linking China with trader Yasuo Hamanaka's bid to rig world prices, and a decision by Japan to follow the US and Britain in opening a criminal inquiry.
The London Metal Exchange

held a board meeting yesterday. The LME is co-operating closely with the Securities and Investments Board in its investigation of the scandal. While the LME would not comment on what was discussed, it is understood the unwinding of Sumitomo's copper positions and the fragile state of the copper market were key topics for debate.

Japan has ditched its previous approach of pursuing only a civil enquiry into the affair, in which grogue trader Hamanaka ran un es on unauthorised trades of at least \$4.8bn (£1.2bn).

Japanese news services said esterday that the Tokyo district prosecutor's office would investigate whether there was a breach of trust by Hamanaka. Some market observers fear

as much as \$4bn. The Japanese authorities had previously insisted that none of its laws had been broken since the deals in the affair were con-

ducted outside Japan. As fallen copper trader Mr Hamanaka stayed in hiding, there were reports that he had colluded with Chinese state firms

to control the price of copper.

Sumitomo said it would investigate the cartel report and this would be a key issue in meetings with US, British and Japanese regulators. Officials of China's Non-Ferrous Metals Import and Export Corp declined to comment.

Traders said earlier this week that, as far back as 1988, Mr

huge leverage as the biggest copper merchant, controlling big volumes of stocks, in peri-

odic attempts to ramp prices. Mr Hamanaka's strategy ran Sumitomo may eventually lose into trouble this year when powerful hedge funds decided that copper around \$2,700 per tonne was overpriced and started selling it on the London Metal Exchange, and off the market, to try to force it down

and break Mr Hamanaka. According to reports close to the market, his position had been so strong that George Soros, the hedge fund investor who helped force sterling out of the ERM in 1992, gave up in

March. But sellers led by Herbie Black of Montreal-based American Iron & Metals sold copper again in May.

Reports claimed that Chinese firms with which Sumitomo role. The Chinese knew of Mr Hamanaka's intentions in the market and vice versa. Both parties profited from this rela-

tionship, it is claimed. According to one veteran metals trader, Mr Hamanaka's successful trading over almost a decade on the LME generated substantial profit for Sumitomo. It may have offset losses on a strategy to win market share by selling physical copper in Asia

ing his first annual report since Sumitomo insists that Mr taking over the post last No-Hamanaka was acting alone, vember, made clear his oppoand that senior executives did sition to the Labour proposal not provide any authorisation or saying: "I suspect it might inhibit have any knowledge of his losshealthy merger activity. making trades.

A bid to rig the market, even

said that it could present obin collusion with the Chinese. stacles to takeovers involving need not involve breaking laws, firms in unrelated businesse top traders say. But such activwhere there were no competiities may concern market regtion issues at stake but bidders ulators in the US and Britain's still had to demonstrate bene-SIB, both of which have sent infits arising from a takeover. Mr Bridegman also fired a

OFT crosses swords with Labour

Think again: John Bridgeman of the OFT Photograph: FT

warning shot over changes in merger law introduced by the current government. Under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994, Ian

Lang, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, can allow takeovers to go ahead without a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission solely

on the basis of "behavioural undertakings" by bidders not to engage in anti-competitive ac-

However, Mr Bridgeman said that allowing mergers through on this basis needed to be approahed with "considerable caution". He added: "The right remedy for problems which may arise, essentially from the undesirable effect of a merger on the structure of the market would normally itself be structural: generally divestment is the preferred remedy."

The annual report shows that last year was one of the busiest on record with 473 mergers involving assets of £178bn examined - the second-highest number in the OFT's history

and a 24 per cent jump on 1994 There was also a big increase in the number of firms seeking confidential guidance before launching bids to 107 from 76 the year before.

Mr Brigdeman said he did not expect the wave of bus company bids, the biggest single category of merger induiries last year. to continue and he also forecast a decline in electricity bids.

In Brief

• Unemployment in Japan reached an all-time high in May, swollen by young people unable to find work after the end of the school year. The unemployment rate rose from 3.4 to 3.5 per cent, the highest since records began in 1953. The news cast a shadow over recent evidence pointing to unmistakable signs of modest recovery in the economy after five years in the doldrums. Industrial production rose 2 per cent in May, according to figures earlier this week. Separately, French unemployment jumped by nearly 31,000 in May to reach 3,042,800 or 12.4 per cent of the workforce. The rate could return to the record high of 12.7 per cent later this year, economists predict.

 Hickson International warned that first-half results would be well below" the comparable period of last year. The company said the previous period was flattered by one-off profits, but the announcement is the latest in a string of bad news which has come out of the chemicals group in the last few years. Hickson said improvement in the group's figures would become more evident in the second half and subsequently throughout 1997.

• Le Creuset, the French pots and pans maker and Screwpull corkscrew distributor, has agreed a £39.1m bid from a company owned by its chairman, Paul van Zuydam. The offer from Cli den, which already owns 73.7 per cent of Le Creuset, is pitched at 203p a share in cash. The news came as Le Creuset announced that profits had slumped from £3.24m to £963,000 in the year to December, after a £735,000 exceptional charge.

• Eurotunnel said a majority of shareholders backed the main resolutions at its annual meeting on Thursday, while 87 per cent voted against a proposal for the dismissal of certain directors. It said that each of the 10 resolutions proposed by the board of Eurotunnel was passed by a majority of votes, ranging between 62.5 and 97 per cent of the shareholders.

 Domestic and small business customers of Scottish Power and Scottish Hydro-Electric will see bills fall after the announcement of new price controls by the electricity regulator, Offer. The decision will cut around £17 a year from the domestic customers bill. Offer also said that, following the flotation of British Energy, its business north of the border, Scottish Nuclear, would no longer charge Scottish Power and Scottish Hydro a premium price for nuclear-generated electricity.

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halve Britain's trading deficit

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

Britain's balance of payments was in the red last year by less than half as much as first estimated. Revised figures yester-day showed a shortfall of £2.9bn, compared with the first estimate of £6.7bn, thanks to the discovery of billions of pounds worth of extra income from UK nvestments overseas.

The balance improved further in the first quarter of this year, mainly due to a fall in Britain's payments to the EU from their abnormally high level in the last three months of 1995. The deficit fell by £151m to below

The breathtaking scale of the statisticians' improvements to last year's figures helped push sterling half a pfennig higher against the mark. It closed at DM2.35.

Simon Briscoe, UK economist at Nikko Europe, said: This news pushes any worries about the trade account beyond

the horizon of the election." According to the new figures, Britain's net investment in-come reached a record £9.6bn in 1995, and improved by £200m to £2.9bn in the first quarter of 1996. Official statisticians and the Bank of England will be investigating the scale of revisions to the figures, which are drawn from a banks' survey. City analysts were wary about the good news. "There is no guarantee these figures will prove any more definitive than the last," Ian Shepherdson at

HSBC Markets said. However,

on an upward trend. In addition,

£1.4bn. These two improvements made up for a disappointing de-cline in the surplus on trade in services. It slipped to £910m in January-March from £1.4bn in

Two trends accounted for this. There was a small fall in the balance earned by financial services and a deterioration in travel. There was an increase in trips abroad by both personal

into the red, reaching £3.53bn.

But the year-on-year growth rate was revised down to 1.9 per cent because of a small rise in the figure for GDP in the first quarter of 1995.

tistics also reported a different mix of growth compared with the previous estimates. It revised up consumer spending growth to 0.9 from 0.8 per cent. leaving it the biggest quarterly increase since the end of 1993. The explanation was revealed by growth in real personal disposable income, or after-tax income adjusted for inflation. It was up a robust 4 per cent in the year

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Investment was also upgraded, rising 1.5 per cent rather

had joint ventures had a key Missing billions

the net amount of transfers overseas - dominated by British payments to the EU - retreated from its unusually high level of £2.1bn at the end of last year to

the fourth quarter of 1995.

and business travellers. Trade in goods slipped further

Separate figures yesterday showed that the economy grew 0.4 per cent in the first quarter. the same as the original esti-

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Two Wickes directors suspended

troubled DIY group, have been suspended as part of the investigations into accounting errors that led to an over-statement of the group's profits, writes Nigel

Two directors of Wickes, the terday suspended from the business pending the completion of the investigation being undertaken by Price Waterhouse.

They will continue to co-operate fully with the investigation. However, the company said Les Resenthal, group trading director, and Chris Miles, UK the pair would "have no further dealings with suppliers cusnercial director, were yes-

It is understood that the problems could stretch back mer chairman who resigned three or four years with the possible over-statement of profits amounting to £15m-£20m. It is unlikely the company will be to announce a more precise figure for at least a week to enable the shares to resume trading. They were suspended at 69p.

Henry Sweetbaum, the forthis week, is understood to have retained City law firm Herbert Smith to act on his behalf, though this was not confirmed. It is possible he could claim compensation for loss of office as his contract was not due to expire until November 1997.

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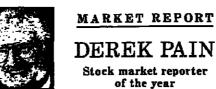
a resolute note. A little late institutional window-dressing. firm gilts and hopes of an interest rate cut next week pushed the FT-SE 100 index back above 3,700 points, although best levels were not al-

Amid the resurgence, TI Group, the engineer, was the poorest-performing blue chip. falling 12p to 538p as fears reappeared it would barge into the comfy merger between Lucas Industries and Varity, the US car parts group. Rumours of a counter-strike have not been far below the surface

since the deal emerged in May. TI has often been linked

Shares ended the half-year on clear temptation for other industry powers to block the deal. Among those thought to be in the Lucas vicinity are GM. the US giant, and Continental players such as Mannesmann, the German engineer with nearly 9 per cent

of Lucas, up 1.5p at 226.5p. Lloyds TSB led the blue chip charge. In a bank sector enjoying a relaxation in the mortgage war the shares jumped 10p to 315p. James Capel lifted this year's profit forecast by 4.5 per cent to £2.42bn and next by 7 per cent to £2.75bn. With the mortgage battle fad-ing Abbey National gained 12p to 541p. Barclays added 13p to 773p and National



Window-dressing helps half-year to a resolute end

run, continued to gather strength, gaining 12p to 469p. Many of the pub/restaurant groups, mauled on Thursday, managed modest recoveries. ID Wetherspoon, for example, rallied 15p to 1,005p. GRE, seen as the next in-

surance takeover target, im-

proved 7p to 248p and Rexam, the paper and packaging group, railied 14p to 339p. The market rally comes at

Boots shaded 1p to 579p. Its £300m share buy-back prompted some retailers to move higher as the market speculated that part of the Boots cash will be pumped into other store shares. Storehouse up 10p to 324p, was the main beneficiary of such thinking.

Alexon, the fashion group which has staged a sharp recovery from three years of losses, gained 8p to 145p on director buying, Chairman Pat-rick Cooper picked up 10,000 shares at 137p; he last bought Tyne Tees Television. York- ternet provider which has a 359p two weeks ago,

rallied 8.5p to 319p. T&N fell 9p to 140p on worries about asbestos claims and BTR slipped 1.5p to 253.5p. Cardinal Business, following higher losses, fell 5p

to 21p Le Creuset, a cookware and tableware group, gained 23p to 200p as chairman Paul van produced his promised bid to take the company private. He is offering 203p a share.

Blenheim rose 8p to 423p on hopes United News & Media will produce its offer early next week.

shire gained 7p to 1,155p and volatile record, was suspended after jumping 17p to 70p ahead of details about the marketing of one of its products. The shares touched 193p last year. Newcomer Intelligent Envi-roment, placed at 94p, ended at 85p. Omnicare returned from suspension following the take over of Amcare, supply-

ing medical products to patients confined to their homes. Shares were sold at 110p to

The day's biggest excitement was once again reserved for the fringe Ofex market. A company called Display International shot from 100p to

TAKING STOCK

Aminex, with oil and gas interests in Russia, jumped 7p to 64p as an as-yetunidentified institutional shareholder pumped in nearly £2m, buying 3.5 million new shares at 57p.

The cash will go towards Russian and Tunisian developments. The company's new investor, to be named next week, will have 9 per cent of the capital. The injection comes ahead of a planned eqfund the acquisition. They uity and debt financing pack-opened at 120p, ending at age from the World Bank which will bave a 20 per cent

> Ashbourne, the nursing home group where Sun Healthcare of the United week. The company is buying two or three homes with up to 300 beds. The shares eased 3p to 149p.

Johnson, the building ma-Westminster Bank 5p to 616p. the end of what has been an inwith Lucas which has already terials group, held at 500p as the controversial tender offer different month for blue chips. In the past two weeks daily HSBC put on 18p to 1,008p. Scottish & Newcastle, the 265p in first-day dealings. It is, states has 30 per cent, made been forced to endure the of course, an internet provider, brief attentions of BBA, the offering access to share and shares a year ago at 28p. from aggressive conglomerate brakes group which considered Footsie falls have been more nation's biggest brewer, TT Group flopped. TT gathered just 7 per cent against a bond prices, plus commodities thought to be on the verge of Broadcasters managed than twice gains. Political woran audacious £2.4bn offer. frothed 7p higher to 659p. Re-Boots pluses following Whitehall's and currency rates, through ries have been the major facsults are due on Monday with With Varity, Lucas will be £315m against £265m expectclearance of the controversial software installed in a personal tor. Low trading levels have one of the world's largest car also taken their toll. Granada stake in Yorkshire On AIM, Firecrest, the Incomputer. ed. Guinness, after a poor component groups. There is a **Share Price Data** Prices are in starting except where stated. The yield is last year's dividend, grossed up by 20 per cent, as a percentage of the share price. The price/semings (P/E) natio is the share price divided by last year's earnings per share, excluding exceptional items. Other details: T Ex rights x Ex-dividend a Ex all a Unisted Securities Market a Suspended pp Partly Paid pm NI Paid Shares. ‡ Ally Stock

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Olympic team: win in style

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reports from Magny-Cours

Another Friday, another vawn. Formula One's designated competition-free zone is seriously undermining an already flimsy

Bad enough that the world championship is a cruise for Williams-Renault and that only one of their drivers, Damon Hill, appears capable of extracting anything remotely close to the car's potential. Jacques Villeneuve, the much trumpeted import from IndyCars, has frankly been a disappointment so far and David Coulthard is doubtless steaming inside the cockpit of his McLaren-Mer-

However, to add insult for the spectators, qualifying has been taken off the schedule of the first day's practice. The teams, not unreasonably, are more intent on preparing for the race than pushing for meaningless times, so the tension and spec-tacle have all but evaporated and the opening free practice here before tomorrow's French Grand Prix followed the now familiar routine.

The authorities, supported by many drivers and teams, took the decision to confine quali-fying to Saturday this season for the specific purpose of ensuring a full and committed turnout in the final hour. Even if it rains, the drivers have to go and earn their grid positions.
Officials still maintain it is a

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policy worth persisting with. but around the paddock and along the pit lane, opinion is changing. The view from the grandstand is clear: transforming Friday practice into a nonevent is too high a price to pay.

The punter is anxiously counting the escalating cost of Formula One. On top of astronomical admission prices, the travelling fan is also encountering an organised rip-off at his or her hotel here. Rooms usually priced at less than £20 are now more than £70. Four star

hotels are charging £300 a night. Formula One has long been associated with a greed mentality, yet the current trend is exceeding all previous outrages. Value for money is apparently an abandoned cause.

Hill, of course, will be perectly content for the second half of the season to continue along its undramatic course. He heads Villeneuve by 21 points



Focus of attention: Damon Hill faces the press after yesterday's practice session for the French Grand Prix at Magny-Cours

and they are evidently the only drivers who may present any

ing they can start well. Hill put paid to Villeneuve's plans last time out by cutting off the Canadian's launch from the grid in Montreal and went on to secure his fifth win of the

semblance of a threat, provid-

Villeneuve says he is now forearmed to counter that tactic should Hill employ it to-morrow and the feelings within the Williams camp tend to suggest the car heavy treatment like gest they again expect to occur that it's best to get it checked py the front row of the grid. For straight away," Hill said. "There the Williams camp tend to sugthe record, Hill was sixth yes- are quite a few things we're easy.

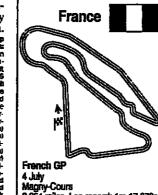
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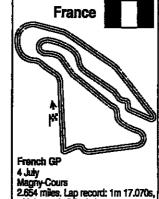
ifying.
"I think this is a good track. Olivier Panis, enjoying the ad-It has some quick corners but vantage of driving on Ligiergood run-off areas, fortunate-Mugen-Honda's home track. Hill had an uncomfortable ly. So it is safe as well as inter-

start to the day, his car bucking He insisted the competition over a kerb and giving him an was hotting up. "People have got a grip on things at this stage of the season. It's looking closanxious moment before the four wheels made contact with the ground again. Immediateer right now and I don't think ly he took it to the garage to have it checked out. "When you we're as good as we can be."

Schumacher, fifth in his Ferrari, was even less assured. He said: "We have to come up with

Martin Brundle, in a Jordan-Peugeot, was 11th and Johnny Herbert, of Sauber-Ford, 19th. FREICH GRAND PRIX (Magny-Cours) Lap times after opening free practice session: IM Haldmann Frn) McLaren-Mercedes Imm 17.673sec: 2 0 Perus (Fr Lager-Mugen-Hort 11.8.205; 3 G Berger (Aut) Benetion-Rerout 11.8.205; 4 J Aless (Fr) Benetion 11.8.545; 6 M Schurnscher (Ge) Ferna 1.18.545; 6 M Schurnscher (Ge) Ferna 1.18.545; 7 Villeneuve (GR) Williams-Rerout 1.18.598; 7 Villeneuve





last chance for Atlanta

Athletics

Just nine weeks after going under the surgeon's knife for an Achilles tendon operation, Britain's European javelin champion Steve Backley returns to action this weekend in a final effort to gain Olympic se-

The British team for Atlanta will be finalised at midnight after tomorrow's Bupa Games in Gateshead, and although this represents a last chance for Backley, it is far from last ditch.

The 27-year-old former

world record holder from Sidcup is ready to fulfil the selectors' request that he show fitness - whatever that might mean. John Trower, Backley's long-time coach, believes he will be able to perform more than

adequately.
"Steve is in good shape,"
Trower said. "He needs a bit more time to get into medal-winning form, and he was look-ing ideally for a good performance at the London Grand Prix on 12 July, when he will be better again. But he will do what he has to do."

Backley, who, like Jonathan Edwards, was left out of the initial squad pending a show of fitness, will be seeking to throw 80 metres or over to secure the third place alongside Nick Nieland and his training partner Mick Hill, who were first and second in the Olympic trials.

But Colin Mackenzie, who finished third in the trials, could give the selectors cause for some consideration if he finishes above Backley tomorrow.

It was a cruel irony for Backley that a physical weakness should hamper him soon after he published a book about the benefits of positive thinking. But there are few in the sport more capable of coping with injury than Backley, who spent a whole season out with a shoulder injury so tender that he could hardly bear to brush his teeth for a while.

He came back triumphantly in 1994 to retain his European

Hall banned until end of next season

champion and the tavourite. Jan Zelezny.

Backley had nursed a minor

Achilles tendon problem for two years, but when it failed to improve this year he had an op-eration. "In hindsight," Trower said, "it would have been better to have had it in January rather than April. But once he had made the decision it was almost a relief, because if he wants to be able to compete at top level it was the only thing to be done."

Backley's swift return was helped by a surgical technique which meant he did not need plaster. He spent 10 days on crutches, discarded them for a time, during which he got back to throwing, then returned to them for another five days at a crucial point after the operation. when the tendon was due to heal itself.

He took his original omission from the team well, although it would be true to say he was not thrilled by the policy. But Trower is confident his man will come through. "Jonathan Edwards has eleared the hurdle, and I'm sure Steve will too," he said.

If Backley does do enough, it is still an open question whether he will be joined in the squad by Linford Christie, who has said he will announce on Monday, after competing at Gateshead, if he is defending his 100 metres title. Edwards, meanwhile, competes in the triple jump against Brian Wellman, silver medallist behind him in last year's World

Championships.
The men's 800m will see Craig Winrow, Britain's fastest this year, seeking a more convincing run than he managed in the trials to secure the third Atlanta place. Local boy Tony Morrell, third then, will be seeking to frustrate his plans.

The 400 metres appears to be one of the most competitive events. Two men who have already secured Atlanta places, Iwan Thomas and Du Aine Ladejo, meet in a race that also includes Jamie Baulch, fourth in the trials, last year's European Cup champion Mark Richardson, and America's Derek Mills, who missed out title, and added a world silver in the US trials by two places last year behind the Olympic earlier this month.

Hilton comes home to Wigan

Rugby League

Mark Hilton's presence in the Warrington pack has been one of the major successes of the Super League season - and on Sunday he is aiming to make a big impact against his hometown club, Wigan.

A first-team player with the Wire for the last four seasons, Hilton has been ever-present and in magnificent form throughout the Super League campaign, but he has never been in a side that have been beaten Wigan.

Now the 21-year-old former Wigan Schools prop believes Warrington are in the best shape they have been in for some time to gain a win against the champions, Wigan, who have climbed back to within one

point of the leaders, St Helens. "Our form has been good," explained the England international Hilton. "At the moment our confidence is high and we believe we're good enough to beat Wigan.

"We're not making any rash promises and we'll have to be on our best form, but that's never been any different against Wigan. They are just one point behind Saints and they will not want to slip further behind again." Hilton added: "Tve never been in a winning team against Wigan, but the conditions are now right for that trend

professional respect for the Wigan team, saying: "I know many of their players and they're a good bunch of lads, but that won't be counting for any-

thing on Sunday. "I played for Wigan Schools and then at Orrell St James amateur club where I was alongside Wigan's England captain Andy Farrell, so I know what to

expect from him." Warrington will have Garv Chambers back in the other prop position after a rib injury that has forced him to miss the last three games.

Other injury concerns are Iestyn Harris (hamstring), Mark Jones (knee), and Jon Roper

The Wire forward has a final clearances to play and are The Bramley forward, Dean expected to make it through their fitness tests.

> Wigan are waiting for centre Va'aiga Tuigamala to return from Auckland after the aborted Oceania Cup competition. He should have flown in today, but is now expected back

tomorrow, while Test winger Martin Offiah (toe) and Welsh international prop Neil Cowie (hamstring), are struggling to regain fitness in time for the Central Park giants. That could well open the

way for senior returns for long-term injury victims, stand-off Nigel Wright and half-back Sean Long, who have been added to the first-team squad (groin). All three are awaiting for the trip to Wilderspool.

Hall, has been suspended until the end of next season after being sent off for use of the elbow in the Second Division match against Hunslet last week.

writes Dave Hadfield. The 15-month ban, one of the longest ever imposed in Britain, is for "deliberately, callously and forcibly attacking the head of an

opponent with his elbow. The disciplinary committee has issued a statement, saving that the incident "had great potential for serious injury". They said that, despite lengthy suspensions for similar incidents, Hall had persisted with use of the elbow and that it had a duty to protect other players. The Bramley chairman, Jeff

could come under scrutiny at the Rughy League Council meeting on Wednesday, said: "It's typical of the sentences Bramley have received this season and we feel that we are being picked on. We are leaving it to the player to decide what action he wants to take." London Broncos are treating

bottom four whose membership

today's game against Bradford as a Cup final, with a top-four place at the end of the season as the prize. "It is the most important game for us," said the London coach, Tony Currie. "If we win it we will be one point outside the top four with War-

rington to play.

Wine, whose club is one of the Peter Gill after injury, although in a stand-off role that he has

in two matches tomorrow that will have far-reaching influence on the top of the two lower divisions.

Hull will be favourites to finish second in the First Division if they can beat Keighley at the Boulevard, while Hull KR can put two points between themselves and Hunsler if they can come away from the South Leeds Stadium with a victory.

Huddersfield, whose application to join Super League will be considered on Wednesday. have offered to give up the full share of News Corporation money to which they would be entitled for their first year and to manage on the smaller, First Division allocation.

Germany's Olympic team win in style

Germany gained a commanding victory in the Nations Cup on their showground here yesterday, beating the Swiss, the European champions, and leaving Britain trailing in sixth place, writes Genevieve Murphy from Aachen.

The Germans sent out their probable Olympic team: Franke Sloothaak on San Patrignano Joly (who jumped a double clear), Lars Nieberg on For Pleasure (four faults and clear) Ulrich Kirchhoff on Jus de Pommes (another double clear) and Ludger Beerbaum on Ratiua (who had one clear round and was not required to jump

Ronnie Massarella, the manager of the British team, did not use any of his likely Olympic borses and he refused to be intimidated by Germany's sterling performance.

Massarella had other problems yesterday. Dollar Girl, tentatively selected on Thursday vening after she had crashed through a fence, was sore yesterday morning and had to be replaced. The team manager brought in Geoff Glazzard and Hello Oscar, who are both competing here for the first time. They had five fences down in each round.

Athletics

to be altered."

Burundi's Venuste Myongabo clocked 3min 32.79sec, the second fastest 1,500 metres of the year, at a meet-reg in Marnō, Sweden, on Thursday, His time was 1.86sec outside the 1996 best by Noureddina Morcell, of Algeria, in Doorse settler this month. Rome earlier this month.

Tegle Lorupe, the New York City Tegle Lorupe, the New York City marathon champion, was soundly besten by Sally Barsosio in the 10,000 metres final at Kenya's Olympic trials yesterday, placing in doubt her selection for next month's Atlantia Games. William Tanui, the Olympic 800m champion fended off a strong challenge from young rivels to qualify for the 1,500m final. Tanui was 0.30sec behind the little-known Eijah Maru who won their semi-finel in 3min 42.50sec. Lucas Morogo was third. The second Lucas Morodo was third. The second semi-tinal was won by another unknown, Laban Rotich, in a 3min 36.70sec with Stephen Kipkorir second and David Ki-

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Mark Nicholas, the former Hamoshire captain leads an MCC team to play South Africa A at Shenley in a three-day match starting on Wednesday 10 July. Kelth Arthurton of the West Indies July, Kelm Armurbon or the West Indies and Alan Dodemalde of Australia are Included in the side, as well as Grant and Andy Flower of Zimbabwe. Arthurton will also feature in an MCC one-dey kne-up against the Pakistan tourists at Shanley on 14 July.

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Rowen Alexander, manager of Queen of the South, has gone back to his old olub, Morton, to sign the 22-year-old strik-

er, Derek Laing. Alexander has also signed 23-year-old Craig Flanagan, a striker freed by Clydebanik. Emil Kostadinov, the Bulgarian in-ternational striker, has signed for the Turkish champions, Fenerbahce. Carsten Jancker, top striker of Rapid VIenna, is being transferred to Bayern Munich. The deal was agreed yesterday, but both teams refused to disclose fi-

Bebeto, who recently joined the Rio club Flamengo from Deportivo La Coruña of Spain, has been remed in Brazil's squad for the Olympic Germes but Romario, his partner in the 1994 World Cup-winning side, has been left out. SIGE, 1985 COST I BIT CUIT.

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The years since the Czechs tomorrow's European Cham pionship finalists - last played at Wembley when they lost 4-2 to England, Mirosley Kadlec and Lubes Kubik are the only current squad mem-

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TODAY Football

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Rugby League STONES SUPER LEAGUE: London v Brad-ford (6.0); Sheffield v Workington (6.0). First Division: Wakefield v Batley (6.0).

Other sports

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Currie is able to bring back Sutherland; S Bertsch: S Lowerv, N Lancast-er, 68 R Wirem; W Austin; D A Weiberg; J Dely; 8 Faxon; C Rymer; B Fleisher; D Hart; R Free-man, 99 T Byman; D Frost ISA: R Fehr; D Peo-ples; D Stockton Jr; L Rinker; A Doyle; W Lew; D Pooley; G Day; M Weber; P Asinger; C Beck; N Henke; J Helly, Other: 70 N Cash (Japan); S Rintoul Harti. 72 G Wate (NZ); J Pamewk (Swe). 73 L Parsons (Aus); S Appleby (Aus). 74 A Arwal (Ind.). 83 J Sandelin (Swe). 82 D Wesson (Zim). 85 "R Imada (Japan).

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TOMORROW

Football

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Mark Ireland, the Nortingham hooker, is due to appear at Stafford Crown Court on Monday accused of causing actual bodily harm to Jon Taylor, the Stourbridge lock, by breaking his jaw in a club match in February. Taylor, a probationary West Midlands police offices, had to have his

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSH Rugby League

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Castleford v Hai STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Cescieror v Hei-fex (3.30); St Helens v Leeds (3.0); Warmagun v Wegan (3.0). First Division: Hull v Kegi-ley (3.15); Rochviale v Hutdersfeeld (5.30); Whichaven v Widnes (3.30). Second Divi-sion: Bramiley v South Wales (5.0); Chorley v Switton (6.0); Hunslet v Hull kR (3.30); Legin

ATHLETICS: Supp Intern GOLF: Ryder Seniors Classic (Collingree MOTOR RACING: RAC Touring Car Champs

not played regularly for years. That gives some clue about the way we are going to play it," Currie said. "We will be looking for a very strong defensive performance from Peter."

Workington, the bottom club. go to Sheffield today with a pack that looks more threadbare than ever. Colin Armstrong was sold to Swinton this week and Jason Palmada, who may ioin the exodus soon, and Stephen Holgate, who is being linked with Wigan, are both likely to miss out with injuries. However, Brad Nairn re-

turns from suspension and Tony Smith could make his comeback after breaking his hand.

ster Tigers will continue to wear let-

tes on their shirts after a change of heart by the Welford Road club's committee. They had voted to end 70 years of tra-dition last year by deciding to introduce rumbers on the shirts. But at last right's

annual meeting, Peter Wheeler, the Chief Executive, announced there had been a change of heart and that the side would continue to play in letters.

organisers hope that the Rugby Foot-ball Union and Welsh Rugby Union wil

English and Welsh Second Division clubs have agreed to set up their own Anglo-Welsh competition next season. The competition, which will run alongside the ROLEX CUP (Saint Tropez) Fourth race: 1 French less IF Padioux, Fr. 75pts; 2 Nyata /P Bentoli, NtDys 3 Italia I, Sarpata, m 3ps. Riths race: 1 Italia 75pts, 2 French (ess 2ps. 3 Nyata 3ps. Owerall results: 1 French (ess 2ps. 3 Nyata 3ps. Owerall results: 1 French (ess 2ps. 3 Nyata 1 Italia 5.5pts; 3 Nyata 14.0pts. tournament for First Division clubs, will involve 24 clubs. So far only Newcasthe have decided not to enter because of travel problems but their place is like

Speedway

by to be taken by a Third Division side. It will be played in four groups of six with the top two clubs from each group qualifying for the quarter-finals. Competition EVENING RACING RESULTS GOODWOOD

6.40: 1. PRESENT SITUATION (Amee Cook) 10-1; 2. Jacobs 7-2 favourte; 3. Chairmans Choice 13-2. 10 ran. 1. v., Hord Huntingdon). Tota: £7.30; £1.90, £1.20; £2.60. Dual Forecast: £14.10. Computer Stratest Proposed 45.5. Forecast: £14.10. Computer Straight ast: £43.40. Throast: £234.95. Tote Trico

8.50: 1. TWICE AS SHARP (G Hint) 11. 2; 2. Ziggy's Dancer 12-1; 3. Lord High Admiral 9-1, 12 ran, 4-1 tex Crowded Avenue. 1/5, nk. (P Hams), Total £9.40; £3.00, £3.10, £2.30. Dual Forecast: £51.50. Computer st £67.83. Incest: £560.62 Straight Foreca: Tino: £169.00.

es were the stars at Folkestone vesterday where both rode doubles, Sanders bagged a 71-1 brace courtesy of Cross of Valour (8-1) and Sacred Mirror (7-1), while Hughes pulled a pair worth just over % 1 via Friendly Brave (7-4 favourite) and Neuwest (11-4 favourite). Epsom-based Sanders struck with the James Toller-trained Cross of

nia Median Auction Maiden Stakes, where Sihafi, the 8-15 favourite, was all the rage. It

NEWCASTLE 6.15: 1. FUN GALORE (M Hits) 2-9 tay, 2. Samsung Spirit 7-2. 2 rad, 2. (8 Hits). Tota: win £1.10.

Seb Sanders and Richard Hugh-Valour in the Scantruck For Sca-

looked as if the odds were due to be landed at halfway when Ed Dunlop's Sihafi was five lengths clear under Richard Hills, But Cross of Valour gradually began to peg the hot-pot back and hit the front 75 yards from home to score by one and a half lengths. Toller said: "We had decided before the race to keep at it all the way just in case there was a chink in the favourite's armour. I am so pleased because I thought I had found the right race for my gelding, but then they reopened it and Sihafi was put in and I thought our chance had gone. Dunlop, greeting his runner up, said gloomily: "If only the race had been over five furlongs instead of six. Sanders followed up on the Chive Brittain-handled Sacred Mirror, who went ahead over two furlongs out to beat backed 5-4 favourite, by three and



TOUR DE FRANCE: Indurain plots sixth consecutive victory as the great race begins today

'Sphinx' prepares to cast his spell

Robin Nicholl

reports from 's Hertogenbosch, Netherlands

Ernest Hemingway would have enjoyed the romance of the triumphal homecoming of the farmer's son, Miguel Indurain. to Pamplona, the town the American author loved and wrote about in his The Sun Also

Pampiona will be in mid-fiesta, with 182,000 people celebrating St Firmin's festival when the local hero charges into town with the Tour de France in three weeks' time. It promises to be quite a party.
Outrunning the bulls through

the narrow streets of this medieval town may be their sport for the festival, but for Indurain's rivals there appears to be no way of outriding or out-

flanking the Spaniard.
"The Sphinx" as he is known has had the Tour spellbound for five years - and Pamplona waits to welcome its favourite son in the firm belief that once again he will be wearing the yellow jer-sey of Tour No 1. He has, after all, worn the colour for 60 days in past Tours.

To make the town's homage even stronger and the celebrating louder he arrives the day after his 32nd birthday – a sign of the stage-managing that is a forte of the Tour organisation. Their diplomacy also has been tested. After a letter from the Basque separatists of ETA. Tour organiser Jean-Marie Leblane has agreed to a Basque-speaking commentator on the Tour while it is in Spain.

Indurain hails from Villava. some kilometres from Pamplona, but Hemingway's town is where his competitive edge was honed as a child pedalling to carn a sandwich and a drink for completing his race. It is also where Jose Miguel Echevarri run a bar until his motivational skills as a manager were called on to build a professional team, and Indurain happened to cross his path.

Now both are in the Nether-

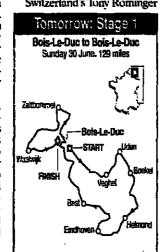
lands for today's start. Ahead of has won three Tours of Spain mountains and plenty of uncertainties.

over nine kilometres could fall to Britain's Chris Boardman, but it is who will stand on the Paris podium on 21 July that really matters. Boardman has no doubts, "I watched Indurain in the Dauphiné Libéré race. It was a lesson," he said. "He passed up opportunities to inflict damage, waiting until the time was right to do maximum damage with little effect on himself, physically and mentally. He knows how to play mental warfare.

"After last year I thought the ONCE riders were the team to keep attacking Indurain until he broke, but after their top mon. Laurent Jalabert, cracked in the Dauphine Libere. I believe that they settled for less than overall victory.

Julahert, world ranked No1. has long been the best chance France have had since Bernard Hinault joined the clite club with five Tour victories. Jalabert has the hallmarks of a challenger, but so too have others, and new names are joining the queue to prevent Indurain establishing a new and exclusive club with six Tours.

Switzerland's Tony Rominger



Indurain stretch 22 days of rac- and a Tour of Italy, and admits, ing through five countries, 24 that at 35, "this is my last chance" to complete a set.

Next year Rominger plans to change his team role to lieu-The curtain-raiser time trial tenant in the hope that he can help another Spanish rider to win. His team-mate Abraham Olano is, at first glance, an Indurain look-alike. Last year he won the world road-race title ahead of Indurain - which brought him insults from his fellow Basques for beating the great man - and was second to him in the world time trial

championship.
Second in last year's Tour of
Spain and third in the Tour of Italy last month, Olano's big-tour pedigree is shaping up. This time he rides in support of

Rominger.
The Russian challenge is headed by Yevgeny Berzin whose beating of Indurain in the 1994 Tour of Italy was seen as yet another signal. The list of hopefuls ranges from Berzin to Alex Zülle of Switzerland. They are all waiting for Indurain to falter so that they can pounce, Pamplona hopes it will not be during their 17th stage, which is rated the hardest with 260 kilometres and five mountains.

Strong legs and a tactical brain do help but riders need "teeth". Knowing how to grind vour rivals on those torturous days is the key. Indurain has it. After three days here, the

race crosses Belgium into France, then in the second week heads for Italy to finish at Sestriere on the top of a 2,300 metres climb that is one of the four highest Tour peaks. Spain follows in the final week as the Tour maintains its roving role which began 42 years ago at Amsterdam with the first start outside France. Despite the Indurain reign,

everyone has a level of ambition. For Boardman it is to reach the Paris finale. a distant 3.900 kilometres away, for the first time and in the top 20, while Britain's other hope, Max Sciandri, wants to improve on last year's stage win. 7.45 WESTSIDE STAKES(CLASS D) SIS

TOUR DE FRANCE 29 June 6.4 km 30 June Start Stage start/end Individua Course ----- Transfer C Art-et-Senens 14 July 15 July 177 km 11 July



Age: 26 Born: Vyborg, Russia Resides: Broni, Italy feam: Gewiss

His 1994 Glro d'Italia dominance of Miguel Indurain, particularly in the time trials, put him high among the 1995 contenders, but bronchitis ended his Tour ambitions after 10 days.

Laurent Jalabert Age: 27 Born and resides: Maza met, France

Team: ONCE World ranked No 1, he has been winning Tour stages since 1992, plus the points jersey (consistent finishing) in 1992 and 1995. The team manager, Manoio Saiz, also has Alex Zülle just in case...

Tony Rominger Age: 35 Born: Vovens, Denmark,

of Swiss parents

Resides: Monte Carlo With three Vuelta d'Espagna and a Giro d'Italia to the yellow jersey in 1992) his credit. Rominger is a with second place. He Tour natural. Third last year and second in the 1993 win time trials, the pri-Tour plus taking the mountains iersey proved that.

Alex Zidie Age: 28 Born and resides: Wil, Switzerland 5 6 1

Team: ONCE Reaffirmed last year his earlier Tour promise (wore can climb mountains and mary attributes of a Tour challenger.

Saracens' three-year Wallace deal

Rugby Union

The Irish international Paul Wallace has joined the exodus to England by signing for Saracens on a three-year contract from Blackrock College.

The 24-year-old tight-head prop won the last of his five caps against England at Twickenham in March. His move means that only three of that side are still with Irish clubs - the Malone pair Denis McBride and Maurice Field and Dungannon's Jeremy Davidson.

Explaining his decision to move, Wallace said: "I felt that might later regret turning down the chance to play in the English First Division."

Cardiff yesterday signed the Wales and Bridgend scrumhalf Robert Howley. The Courage league champions Bath had been favourites to prise Howley away from the Brewery Field but he wanted to stay in Wales.

Cardiff also announced three other signings in their major team-strengthening exercise. The centre Leigh Davies has joined from Neath, the full-back Justin Thomas from Lianelli and the £65,000 transfer of former Wales rughy league captain David Young from Salford has

also been completed. "All four players are among the best in their positions in the United Kingdom," Gareth Davies, the Cardiff chief executive, said. The Scottish Rugby Union

yesterday announced a loss of £627,000 after tax for 1995-96. Although turnover increased by £300,000 to £8.4m expenditure on players, coaches and other expenses amounted to £665,000 up to the year ending in March.

The SRU said next year would also see a deficit. But the & union's finance convenor Iain Laughland said the SRU intended to maintain the current level of financial support to club rugby, which last year doubled to £525,000.

Round the Island is cause for celebration

Sailing

STUART ALEXANDER

When the 1,368 entrants line up off Cowes this morning for the 60th annual Round the Island (of Wight) Race it will be a celebration of the growing popularity of recreational maritime competition and a further unhappy contrast with how the top end of big-

boat racing is being managed. The 50-mile circumnavigation-cum-jamboree has a new sponsor, the Hoya optical lens maker. They are happy to back a settled product, as are Skan-dia Life for Cowes Week and the Hackett clothing company for the International Etchells. However, talk of the Admiral's

or America's Cup and Britain

an Beluga 5.15 Rare Spread

GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places).

E.Lef-hand course, level with long straights, easy turns and a one furious run-in.

Gourse is on the A443 by the River Sector, Wortester (Poregate St. Instant in. ADMISSION: Members \$1,2-50; Thatenalis

S9.50; Course S5 (OAPs \$2.50). CAR PARK: Free; picnic area parking \$2.50.

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Saturday, Island Vision (2.36) won at South-

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sponsor, or be confident enough to put its cards on the table.

The Round the Island will be raced under the Cruising Handicap System, which has worked remarkably well for a long time. The grand-prix end has been led down the International Measurement System route, which is close to imploding.

But while the professionals debate the disarray at the top. the main huddles have been about what today's weather will bring. The forecast is for fresh north-westerlies, ideal for a fast getaway west out of the Solent and around the Needles.

Mike Slade - whose monohull record of five hours, 35min 18sec was set on the 80-foot Ocean Leopard in 1991- returns with a newer maxi. Hoya Longabarda.

DONCASTER

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2,30: 1. DARFING DESTINY (D Holand) 7-2: 2. Stent Expression 11-1, 3. Prancing 5-2 fm. 7 rm. 2 / , 1 / a / H Burke, Wantage, Teta: £4.50; £2.70, £3.90, 0F; \$27.10, CSF

3.00: 1. MASTER CHARTER (N Falon: 7-2 to fax; 2. Secret Aly 8-1; 3. Komreyev Denote: 10-1 7 ren. 7-2 to fax; Alman: 2. Statajack. srt-hd. 2. Mirs J Ramsden, hrssh. Totar £4.10: £1.90, £4.00. DF: £35.10, CSF £26.74.

RACING RESULTS

LINGFIELD

6.30 Meltemison 7.00 Durham 7.30 Barrier King 8.00 Bowcliffe Grange (nb) 8.30 Double-O-Seven 9.00 Double Bluff

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6.30 SAFFRON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 3f 106yds

7.00 LYDD SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 5f (AW)

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4.00: 1. GALINE (Emma O'Gorman) 13-

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9-1. 8 res. 3-1 far Angaar (6th. 1%, 3%, (W O'Gorman), Yote: £970, £2.20, £2.90, £2.70, DF: £61.80, CSF: £60.05, Incast:

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£538 29. Inc: £425.30. NR: Chalco Man Howa 20-1; 3. Grapeshot 5-1. 6 a. 1::, 3-.. (H Cecil, Newmarket). Total

7.30 ERF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) SKY BARRIER KING (USA) (9) P Cole 9 0..... CASTLE ASSET MCK (19) P Howing 9 0... DOUBLE-1 (35) (87) K McYudde 9 0..... __W J O'Commor A AYBESBURL (10) (BIS Ms J Ceol 8 9... FASTNET P. Lohnson Houghon 8 9... SWIFT REFUSAL (15) M Haynes 8 9... TRADDNG ACES (28) M Bel 8 9... - 8 doctared -BETING: 9-4 Barrier King, 7-2 Fastant, 5-1 Castle Ashiby Jack, Ayboo-gal, 6-1 Swift Refusal, 8-1 Trading Acce, 10-1 others

8.00 (CLASS E) £4,200 added 5f 203160 SPSADER (18) (CD) P Harts 7 10 0

8.30 DAILY STAR CLAIMING STAKES SKY 120 DOUBLE-O-SEVEN (42) (CO) M Johnston 9 6..... T Villages 3 gm Jones 8 13...,...W Ryan 12 MYSTICAL MAID (22) H Tron 000-000 PRIME PARENER (7) W Mar 8 12 EESK (15) | Float-Here: 9 11 . 00-0003 CONDOR REDGE (15) B Meeton 8 8 .. 20-5030 EWAR SUMPISE (11) C Brezon 8 7.

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oth Wind, 4-1 Agglette, 5-1 Bath Knight

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£1,850.74, Teo: £240.90, 2.50: 1, TROUBADOUR SONG (PAACCADE)

5-2 km; 2, Princely Gult 12-1; 3, Heightin of Fame 13-2, 10 ran. Ind. 4, 49 Hagni. Tota: £4.50; £1.30, £2.60, £2.60, DF; £19.80, CSF; £32.69, Tao: £67.40.

1; 2. Silk Cottage 5-1; 3. Bowlers Boy 11-4 fax. 8 ran. 144, 7. (B McMahan). Tota: 57.20, £2.10, £2.20, £2.40, DF: £9.20, CSF, £3.91, 5 Topast £110.16,

3.50: 1. JOHNNIE THE JOKER (Dean Mck-count 11-1: 2. Oberon's Dart 11-2; 3. Fm

3.20: L PRINCESS EFISIO (G Carter) 7-

Your Lady 9-1. 10 rest. 7-2 kpt Var. New Way. nk. 2. 0 Loght. Totor: £13,80; £3,20, £3,60,£2,10, DF. £50,60, CSF: £66,56. To-cast: £55,63.7. This £121,30. 4,20: 1. GROVEFAIR DANCER (A Carly 13-8 kpt. 2. Riseculto 7-1: 2. Ashatore Queen 4-1. 8 kpt. 1, 1%, IB Meekpan, Totor £2,20; £1,00, £4,20, £2,10. DF £15,20. CSF: £13,70.

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Evening results, page 19

struggles to raise a team, find a WORCESTER HYPERION 2.35 Stately Home 3.05 Grey-coat Boy 3.35 Function Gale 10 4- RYFON GUNED GSF7) 11 100 ... S Wyrmo 11 62 RNGCGUNED GSF7) 11 100 ... S Wyrmo 12 23- REDER MONAM GSF 9100 ... S Festion GS V 13 - SF ARRIEL ARTHUR PLOS 9100 ... S Festion GS V 4.10 East Houston 4.45 Caspi-

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MANU RE 40. tie, 9-2 Pencheon Bale, 7-1 others 4.10 MALVERN BLINDS HCAP HIR-DLE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3m P.3 CATS RUM (20) 8 11 13 _____ R Sample U-2 SOUTH WESTERLY (20) (0) 8 11 7 . P Niver

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more interesting danger. He is well treated on his best form.

Doncaster last time but might not

surface. Foundry Lane may find the

tage but Fujiyama Crest, Noufari and Sea Victor are fairly handi-capped on their best form and could

go well. Backgrop is canable of bet-ter than he showed when inken very wide on the home turn and finish-

ing 21/2 lengths fifth to Gordi in the Queens Vase at Royal Ascot. Pri-

or to that, he was 1½ lengths second to Bahamian Knight in the Italian Derby. A reproduction of that would entitle him to go close.

4.20: CANTON VENTURE, a creditable neck second to Soba Up at Chester on Wednesday, can get

on that form.

lack of a recent outing a disadvar

Dushyantor to keep it in family

his favourite broodmare Slightly Dangerous may increase to marshmallow consistency tomorrow afternoon. The 17year-old matron has already produced one Irish Derby winner in Commander In Chief and a runner-up in Deploy, and their half-brother Dushyantor is the favourite to add to the family's laurels in the Curragh

At Epsom, Dushyamor failed where Commander In Chief succeeded. But he gave Pat Eddery an uncomfortable ride. becoming unsettled by horses around him in the early stages and getting into all sorts of trouble coming down the hill before producing a sustained run in the

The Sadler's Wells colt has not yet shown an instant change of pace, and the use of pacemaker Private Song tomorrow should help draw any finishing kick from his rivals.

The absence of both the Ep-som hero Shaamit and the Prix

Winning Derbies on a season-

al debut is very much in vogue, and today at Newcastle Foundry

Lane (3.50) can follow the trend

set by Lammtarra and Shaamit,

albeit at a more prosaic level, by taking the Pitmen's version.

the Northumberland Plate,

writes Sue Montgomery.
The five-year-old has not

giving her a stone - at Doncaster last November, but he goes

well when fresh and has been

targeted at today's contest for some time by the shrewd Mary

run since he finished fifth to to- Ascot. day's favourite Snow Princess -

Sue Montgomery expects the favourite to give his dam a second Irish Derby win

unbeaten in two runs, he has yet

to tackle Pattern company - and

he has been plagued by un-soundness. His rider Michael

Kinane, surprisingly, has yet to win his local Classic in 14 pre-

respectable staying on fifth at

Epsom, in a bid to recapture the

lazy colt's two-year-old sparkie.

get off the mark for the season in the Irish Derby was the

33-1 outsider Weavers Hall 23

years ago, so recent history is against Dick Hern's bid for a

second winner after the very

smart Troy supplemented his

Big-race specialists Godol-

phin rely on the potential of

Epsom success 1979.

However, the last horse to

Blinkers will be fitted to the

vious attempts.

means that the traditional Eng-lish-French Derby showdown will be contested by the two run-תנו-219ת

And the best guide to the chances of Polaris Flight will come an hour and three-quarters before the Irish Derby,

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Hayaain (5.00 Bath) **NB: Diffident** (Newmarket 4.05)

when Ragmar contests the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud. But the Jockey-Club form reads pretty well so far, with seventhplaced Grape Tree Road and Astor Place, eighth, both having won since.

The Henry Cecil-trained Dushyantor and Peter Chapple-Hyam's Polaris Flight head a som hero Shaamit and the Prix record nine-strong British as-du Jockey-Club winner Ragmar sault on the £600,000 prize

ly, he looks value to reverse the

placings.
Willie Carson has opted to

travel north to ride Akil (2.40)

for Robert Armstrong in the Journal Good Morning Hand-icap. The four-year-old ran a

cracking race on the unfavoured

far side over a furlong more in the Royal Hunt Cup at Royal

At Newmarket Ramooz

(4.05) can bounce back from his Jersey Stakes defeat in the

Group Three Van Geest Crite-

rion Stakes and Bequeath (3.30)

has the scope to step up from

Sharaf Kabeer, an easy winner of his maiden at Kempton but facing a huge step up in class, and the proven form of French pool. Michael Stoute's Dr Massini, a late withdrawal from Epsom, owes his second Derby fourth Don Micheletto, who seems held by Polaris Flight and may not possess the favouritism to reputation rather stamina to last home in a truthan performance - although ly-run mile and a half race.

The raiding team is com-pleted by the Clive Brittain pair Spartan Heartbeat, who looks a complete no-hoper, and Amfortas, who stepped up on anything he had previously shown when he beat, among others, Derby third Shantou at handsome head of Alhaarth, a Royal Ascot.

The best of the weak home side may prove to be Aiden O'Brien's local 2,000 Guineas runner-up Rainbow Blues, though no maiden has ever

won an Irish Derby.

Dushyantor (4.00) can head the expected clean sweep for Britain by beating Albaarth and Polaris Flight, giving Eddery his fifth victory and ensuring the Group One victory flag is hoisted above Warren Place for the third time this season.

3.15: BAYIN, who finished a high-ly creditable half-length second to Sir Joey in a decent handicap at Salisbury last time, can go one better. Fame Again may find this trip on the short side and Amron looks a

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NEWMARKET

3.50: CELERIC, who ran Corradi-3.00: Benny The Dip performer ni to a short-head over a mile and six furlongs at York last time, Sandown and Tony Garth again gets the ride. The partnership may have promises to be even more effective at two miles. He loves firm ground to settle for second place once more, however, PARTY ROand is preferred to Snow Princess. who beat Latahaab by a comfortable four lengths over this trip at MANCE was a good fourth at Royal Ascot despite needing the run. be as effective on this forecast fast

3.30: Bequeath's easy win earlier this month was at Beverley but is expected to acquit himself well in this higher-class contest. MID-NIGHT LEGEND, though, will prove hard to heat having shown he is as good as ever last time.

4.05: Inzar beat some speedy opposition when making all the run-ning to win at Haydock last time. Remooz, who in contrast needs to be held up, may have hit the front too soon when a well-backed runner-up at Royal Ascot. But TERESHKOVA may have their measure now that she steps down

4.50: IKTAMAL, 21/: lengths fifth to Atraf in the Cork And Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot, holds ven-ture Capitalist and Branston Abby ago and should prove too good for today's rivals.

in distance after fading close home in a mile event at Epsom. α 435: MOONLIGHT PARADISE looked useful when beating Rain-dancing at Goodwood two weeks

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4.35 ANTEC VIRKON EMPRESS STAKES (CLASS A) (List CA

his easy Beverley victory in the In receipt of 9lb from the fil- Fred Archer Stakes. NEWMARKET

2.30 North Song 3.00 Party Romance 3.30 Midnight Legend 4.05 Tereshkova

HYPERION 4.35 Midnight Paradise 5.05 Truancy 5.35 Time For Tea

Shanles: Im 21 & 1m 41 - stands' side; rest - far side.

DRAW ADVANTAGER None.

Eight-hand course with 1m straight.

Escentral in the south-west of town on the A1304. Bus link from Cambridge and Newmarket railway stations. ADMISSION: Chib \$14 (18 to 25-year-olds \$10); Grandstand & Paddock \$10 (18 to 25-year-olds \$5); Furnity Enclosure \$3. GAB PARK: Members \$1; remainder free.

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ELBADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: J Gooden — 30 waters from 134 runners gives a seccess ratio of 22.4% and a profit to a \$1 level stake-of \$12.18; B Bills — 21 winners, 119 runners, 17.6%, +5.34.48; B Bannoa — 21 winners, 224 conners, 8.5%, -0.200, U.S. — 20.000. 78, 24.7%, +**29.0**8. ASLUS; H Cecil — 19 winners, 77 runners, 24.7%, +29.08.

ELRADING JOCKETS: K Darley — 31 winners, 211 rides, 14.7%, +420.53; Pat Eddery — 30 winners, 180 rides, 16.7%, +410.42; L Dettori — 27 winners, 184 rides, 16.5%, 411.81; W Carson — 28 winners, 182 rides, 13.5%, -565.87.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Uncle George (5.05), Cim Bom Bom (5.35).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

LONG DISTANCE EUNNYERS: Ballard Lady (6.35) has been sent 163 miles by J Wairwright from Keruythorpe, North Yorksidre.

	2.30	DOM RUINART CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP (CLASS C) 28,000 added 3YO 1m
1	1 2211	NORTH SONG (11) (D) (John H M Gosden) J Gosden 98Pat Eddery 2
2		PAINT IT BLACK (11) (Michael Pescod) R Hannon 8 13
3	108345	QUALITY (1992) (7) (2) (9) S Yong! W O'Goeman S 10France O'Gorsson 1 V
2	12-40	SALMIS (21) (Selly Vere Micol., Decarter and Partners) J Fanshave 8.8
ŧ	65-6151	MANNINGO (RE) (21) (CO) (Mrs Claude Lilley) G Wrage 8 6
E	5-00	POLISH WIDOW (73) (A E Oppenhamen) G Wrage 8 1 R Hills 4
1		GALAPENO (17) (The Dayspring Company Limited) C Britain 7 12
		- 7 declared -
	-	Name and the Address of the Company

BETTIMS: 5-4 North Song, 2-1 Manilogo, 7-2 Quality, 14-1 Polish Wildow, 18-1 Point It B Galapino, 25-1 Saluris. 1995: Twilight Patrol 3 8 10 Done O'Neil 14-1 (R Hennon) 13 rsn

	3.00	KRIS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 added 270 71	4
	j 1	BELMONTEE (Educado Hinoposa) H Cacil 9 OPat 5	ddery 5
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	1 3	BERYLLIUM (Lostloid Manor Stud) R Hannon 9 0	agbės 2
	Ā 40	CASTLES BURNING (USA) (722) (P. M. Cycer) C Cycer 9 0	oppoer 3
	5	DANION ALLAEL (Sheikh Ahmed Al Moktoum) M. Janes 90	ineon 9
	6	MARAOT (IRE) (Harrden Al Maksoum) D Mortey 9 0	HB44
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	8 4	4 PARTY ROBBARCE (USA) (9) (Abdulah AB) B Henbury 9 0	New 10
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	10	SUPPREMISM (W.) Gredent C Britain 9 0	Donle 8
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BETRIC: 5-2 Party Romance, 11-4 Beany The Dig. 5-1 Betracates, 11-2 Mittalk, 6-1 Ba 1 Dawson Allah, 12-1 Marrad, 14-1 others. 1995: Swift Fordrago (RE) 2 9 0 R Coctrane 7-2 (P Cole) 9 ran

The Sandown maidan won by Putra was run at a fashing pace and the way the Tony Gardinaden Beany The Dip came from the rear to finish a strong second, clear of the third, suggests he is a sure-fire struce winner over seven furlongs-plus. Assessing the exact worth of the form is impossible, however, not least because of the searing early gallop, and it would be no surprise if one of these newomens proves to be useful. They said, it is difficult, also, to escape the promise shown by Perty Rossance in finishing fourth in the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot on his recocourse debut. He should improve and be hard to bear, but MITHAK has a likeable pedigine. He is by Sharr Hawk out of a good racemare with a Grade One winning sister. Belmontee, by Belmez, is worth noting for support and Stargeon is better than nez, is worth noting for support and Sturgeon is better than 3.30 HEATH COURT HOTEL FRED ARCHER STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed Race) £17,000 added 1m 4f

4.00 Sunday | RISH DERBY (Group 1) £549,500 added 3YO colts & falles 1m 4f Penalty Value £341,850

PETTIME: 2-1 Dushyantor, 11-4 br Hessini, 7-2 Alburth, 7-1 Polaris Fight, 12-1 Dushyantor, 11-4 br Hessini, 7-2 Alburth, 7-1 Polaris Fight, 12-1 Dushyantor, 11-4 br Hessini, 7-2 Alburth, 7-1 Polaris Fight, 12-1 Dush Michaletto, Sharaf Kabers, 20-1 Andorfes, 25-1 Rahbor Rises, 25-2 Zaerah, 83-1 Truth Or dare, 50-1 His excellence, 150-1 Private Song, 200-1 Sparton Heartbeant, 1935: Wingor Love 9 0 0 Pecter 13 un

DUSHYANTOR, who was hampered several times before staying on to finish a highly creditable 114 engths second to Sheamit in the Derby at Epsom earlier in the month, will be hard to beat. He had

ergus second to Seaand in the Derby at 25cm center in the month, will be herd to beat. He has Athaceth 2½ lengths bein in jith place that day and, although the last-named is binkened that time (ha is rumoured to have worked brillandy in them in a rocecourse gallon recently) and his sta-ble has hit form, it is hard to see the placings being reversed. Or filleaded, who best King Alax by a convencing 5½ lengths in a ten furface; stallers can at York or May, is not sure to stay this being timp but, if he does, may pose the selection the most problems. Selection: DUSHYANTOR

iden won by Putra was run at a flashing pace and the way the Tony Garth-

SEQUEATH made a good impression when disposing of Wilewander at Beverley. Bequeath's form in two runs last year was promising but hardly existing, it was a bit of a boost, therefore, that Wilawander should run respectably in the Queen's Vace (fourth to Gords) and Benefit and the state of th questh, a half-brother to Wednesday's Kempton winner Ball Herbour, is well worth trying against these high-grade and far more excenenced commissions. these high-grade and far more experienced campaigners because he might just be blos-soming into a class act. Midnight Legend is a smart, especially on fast ground, and it was no real surprise to see him reverse an earlier Lingeld defeat by Tautan's Melody when they end, fourth in the Jo reopposed of Leosaster VAO weeks over. Managin Legano, routin in the Journey view comes-here on his reappearance, will be hard to pass, but Bequeath will be suited by a decent gal-iop. Commissioner, at his best, will make them go. He finished last season with a sixth in the Rothmens international at Woodbins, Toronto, and preceded that with a short-head defear against the tough Burcol at Kempton. Dance A Dream has something to prove on this sea-son's from but was executed to Monashell in the Cales.

Selection: BEOUEATH

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4.05 VAN GEEST CRITERION STAKES (CLASS A 3) £30,000 added 7f	(Group C4
1 10-4150 CABR (11) (C) (D) (Herndan A) Maketumi R Amstrong 6 9 10	R # E6 6
2 214-210 DEFFIDENT (FR) (44) (CD) (BF) (Cocloiphin) Saced bin Surpor 4	9 7B Thomson 1
3 113-031. INZAR (USA) (21) (D) (HPH) Prince Fehd Salman) P Cole 4.9 7	T Quino 4
4 32130-4 BBN ROSEE (63) (C) (Medic Selici D Lode: 4 9 2	
5 66350-0 PRINCE OF BROWN (111) (Sr Gordon Brunton) Lord Huntingston 4	92 M HB s 5
6 2-12114 TERESHKOVA (USA) (22) (D) (GF) (Godolpha) Seeed by Surgo	
7 14-1312 RAMONZ (USA) (10) (D) (EP) (Hiel Setem) B Hanbury 3 8 7	W Ryan 7
8 36-3030 WORLD PREMIER (11) M/s C E Britain) C Britain 3 8 7	B Doyle 2
9 2214-60 DANCE SEQUENCE (LISA) (5) (Cheveley Park South M Stouts 3	8 4P Robinson 9
- 9 declared -	

BETTING: 5-1 Ramonz, 11-2 Difficient, Inzar, Tereshkova, 6-1 Gabr, 7-1 Bin Rosie, 8-1 Dance Sequence, World Premier, 14-1 Price Of India. 1995: Pipe Major 3 B 8 J Wesser 5-2 & Hastern) 8 ran FORM SUIDE

FORM SUIDE

TERESHIKOVA can be forgiven an out-f-character below-par effort, when fourth to Donna
Viole in a Listed race at Epsom three weeks back. The fast ground would not have helped
and it was her first run since coming from Dubas. She was formerly with André Fabre and
she ran Hever Golf Rosa, who was flying at the time, to a close finish in a Group Three event
at Chartilly 165, styll just September. Diffident is another ex-Fabre noise who came to the
notice of British punters when landing the Free Handlicap here. This small colt hasn't quite
progressed from that win as might have been expected, but remains favly smart. Gabr disappointed in the Queen Anne, pulling hand and running out of gas, but the return to seven
may not make a key difference to this winner of the Sandown Mile ifrom Sowet Line). Inzar, Group One placed last year, seems best at this time and don't have to be at his best to
up Branson Abby at Haydock, last time. Bin Rosel can hang and be difficult, but is a dangerous opponent as a fresh filly, while Ramootz, in good form and with a turn of foot, is by
no means out of this tricky affair.

Selection: TERESHYLOVA

11.00	ded Race) £15,000 added 2YO filles 6f
	1 MAKED POSER (RE) (37) (D) (Peter S Worfeld) R Harron 8 13
	2 NATALIA BAY (RRE) (37) (BF) (Philip Blocker Stucco Parmerstop) P Cale 8 13
3	1 QUEEN SCEPTRE (RE) (12) (Sceptre Racing: B Halls & 13
4	1 MOONLIGHT PARADISE (USA) (15) (D) (Sir En: Parker) J Duniop 8 11
5 5	11. EYE SHADOW (10) (Airs D E Blackshaw) B Meetron 8 8
6 5	i 2 HALONNIG (USA) (17) (Richard Tronto) P Kelleway & B
	- 6 declared -
	-4 Moordigst Paradise, 3-1 Natalia Bay, 9-2 Queen Scoptre, 5-1 Maked Poser, 6-1 Eye
	2-1 Helowing.
1995: Mard	For The Hills 2 8 11 Pat Eddery 7-4 (D Loder) 7 ran
	FORM GUIDE
MOONLIG	HT PARADISE overcame a slow start and a poor run to come through and beat

Raindancing and seven others in a Goodwood maiden. She can only get better, Naked Por er catches the eye as a Richard Hannon Juvenile able to win on her debut. No doubt she will improve, too, and though her Goodwood maiden was a minor one in which she scraped home by a head, she had to do some running to overcome a poor start. Queen Sceptre, a helf-sister to Topanoora, looked useful with the style of her Windsor dabut win, while Natalia Buy, pipped by Naked Poser, might struggle to confirm the form. Eye Shadow night just have too much on her place after the Nottingham win, while Hallowing has been grees so lar, but shown real promise and Paul Kelleway adopts a typically positive approach with this maiden. The tilly is getting weight, so who knows? Selection: MOONLIGHT PARADISE.

[5.05	NEWMARKET HOSPITAL CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3YO 1m
1	0160-05	UNCLE GEORGE (S3) (J A Fuller) M Tomplans 9 8
2	65-0048	TRUANCY (14) [Cheeley Park Stud) M Bell 9 6 8 Faulton (7) 8 V
3	060	SOAKED (8) (W J Gredley) J Fanshave 9 2
4	1-20516	HONORABLE ESTATE (IRE) (12) (BF) (R A Bernard) R Harmon 6 11
5	0-00466	HALF AN INCH (IRE) (31) (1 Dale & Mr C Mals) B Meeten 8.8
6	00-1334	SOVEREIGN PRINCE (RE) (140) (M Tabor) N Callagran 8 4
7	000-00	FARFESTE (24) (Bob Tallerine and Jim Cameron) D Mons 8 3
è		PRINCESS PANIGATON 68 (II) (Dechairs Suri) C Alex 7 13 P Dec (7) 8

BETTING: 8-1 Treancy, 7-2 Hos 8-1 Sovereign Prince, 12-1 others. 1995: Care And Comfort 3 8 7 M Hills 10-1 (G Wragg) 9r a

5.35 NGK SPARK PLUGS APPRENTICES HANDICAP (CLASS E)
1 0-00650 CSM BOM BOM (RRS) (21) Mystel Birol) M Bell 4 9 11
2 004005 WILD PALM (8) (\$ Fustok) W O'Corman 4 9 8
3 000000 SQUERE CORRE (7) (C) (G Harwood) G Harwood 4 9 1
4 3/-50003 TALATHATH (FR) (28) (Mrs (Invisione Revision) C Divyer 4 9 -1
5 25-5300 TIME FOR TEA (RRE) (19) (R M Case) C Case 3 9 2
6 0-00163 MARTINOSKY (5) (D) (D B Carly G Bravery 10 B 11
7 061536 MERRIE LE 90W (5) (Mrs Anna I. Sanders) Pat Mostrell = 8 7Aanaada Sendere (5) 9
8 030-000 RISE UP SINGING (17) (20) (Mrs Ara Brown W Musson 8 8 6P McCabe 11 B
9 S050-00 LAST SPIN (19) (Mrs Bios Long) J Jeniens 4 8 0
10 00000-0 ELRMAS (USA) (B) (L Pipe) H Collegeoge 4 7 12
11 605-00 ALAKHLIRI (60) (John Mariey) G Lews 3 7 10
12 350044 BALLARD LADY (RE) (11) 64ts P Waker J Warranger 4 7 10P Doe (5) 1
13 0-00002 PERSEPHONE (8) (The Delycus Partnership I Campbel 3 7 10

BETTERS: 4-1 Taletheth, 9-2 Wild Palm, 6-1 Clas Born Born, Time For Tea, 7-1 Persephone, 8-1 Mer

rie Le Bow, Ballard Ledy, 10-1 others.

1995: Broughtons Turmol 6 8 7 J D Smith 15-2 (W Musson) 10 ran

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IRISH DERBY

EURO 96 CUP FINAL **EDITION**

The Sporting Life

Cecil unveils smart Yashmak

Henry Cecil unveiled a potential star at Newmarket yesterday in Yashmak. The Danzig filly, a half-sister to Warning, Deploy, Commander In Chief and Dushyantor was always up with the pace, and ran green before pulling a length-and-a-half

RICHARD EDMONDSON'S SUNDAY SELECTIONS NAP: Further Flight (Doncaster 4.15) NB: Rasayel (Doncaster 2,00)

clear of the Luca Cumanitrained Man Howa in a six-furlong maiden. Ladbrokes and William Hill responded by quot-ing the filly at just 25-1 for next year's 1,000 Guineas.

The Derby will be run on a

Saturday (7 June) next year, it was confirmed yesterday.



BATH

HYPERION 2.15 Shall We Go 2.50 Saltis 3.20 Pearl Dawn 3.55 Pay Homage 4.30 Indian Jockey 5.00 GOING: Firm.
STALLS: Straight course - far side, round course - inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.
Leh-hand course. Resecourse is im north-west of city near A431.
Bath station im. ADMISSION: Club \$12; Tauersalls \$5; Silver Ring \$4; Course \$1. CAR PARK: Free.

SIS RACING CHANGES BLINERRED FIRST TIME: Can She Can Can (2.50), Ann's Peuri (3.20). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Indian Rela-tive (3.20) won at Redcar on Saturday. LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Parliament Piece (4.30) has been sent 236 miles by D Nicholls Irom Sessay, North Yorksture.

2.15 WESTON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2YO 5f 161yds SECRET COMBE P Meson 7 12 ...

- 10 declared -BETTING: 21-4 My Belovet, 3-1 Red Gerter, 6-1 Rejser Mache, 7-1 Bold African, 6-1 Victoria's Dream, Secret Combo. 10-1 ethers.

2.50 STAYERS SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 2m 1f 34yds 000-000 SASTING (20) N FORGES (8 13 2 000-000 SASTING (20) N FORGES (8 13 1 040)00-4 WADAMA (7) D Burchell 5 8 11 ... (3/050-4 SOPHISHI (19) M PDe 7 8 9 ... (1/4/05 SAFEY (3/1) White 9 8 9 ... (4/00666 BORBY BLUE (4) T Hind 5 8 9 ...

3.20 LITTLE SOMERFORD LIMITED STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 5f 161yds

- 6 declared -BETTING: 2-1 indian Relative, 7-2 Kildee Led, 4-1 Pearl Deve, 11-2 Ann's Pearl, 6-1 Prima Silk, 8-1 Master Matfield.

3.55 ROTHMANS ROYALS HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 1m 5yds 2600-22 EASY JET (16) Lord Huntmetern 4 9 7 James Cook (7) 2

- 8 declared -BETTING: 11-4 Cencer Un, 7-2 Easy Jet, 9-2 Pay Homago, 5-1 Combus-

4.30 CLAVERTON CLARMENG HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 5yds

00-2000 TOMAL (125) R Ingam 4 8 7 S Withmorth 1 0-53030 NAD WEWS (24) 1 Bradley 4 8 7 S NB (25) 1 6-00560 DAY (28) R Harm 3 8 3 Dane O'Nall (18) 8 DDD-006 DDDDIES POOL (10) P Burgiyre 6 8 3 . P P Musphy (5) 14 V 2-16002 BEDAZZIE (\$1 (0) M Britain 5 8 1 00-8000 SPIRAL FLYER (29) M Usher 3 8 1...... 0500 CLYTHA HEL LAD (10) J Brodey 5 8 0 ... 14 00020-0 LA BELLE SHYANNE (14) R Baker 5 7 10 N Adams 3

- 14 doctored BETTING: 3-1 Parliament Place, 7-2 Indian Jackey, 4-1 Miss Laughter, 81 Return To Brightes, 10-1 Only, Bedazzie, 12-1 others.

5.00 ST JOHN AMBULANCE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 3f 144yds 26 IRSH SEA (23) M Score 3 8 10 Mertin Dayer (5) 4 0 NOTAIRE (15) | Belong 3 8 10 D Ordfaths (5) 5 438300 WARTONIA REEF (9) M Crannon 3 8 10..... P P Murphy (5) 2

BETTING: 6-4 Haymain, 8-4 Irish Seo, 7-2 Warning Roof, 10-1 Notain 15-1 Ningo Mighthich, Song For Jess.

NEWCASTLE

4.20 Canton Venture 2.05 Plan For Profit 4.50 iktamai 2.40 Almuhimm 3.15 Bayin 3.50 Celerio 5,20 Hismaglemoment

GOING: Firm (Good to Firm in plants). STALLS: Straight course - stands' side; round course - made DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 15 to 71 Low for 16 to 16 on round course. Left-hand, oval course, with rising run-in; tough, galloping track.

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ILEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS; Hrs M Reveley - 1d winners from 157 run-cers at a ratio of 12.7% gaing a return to a 51 feed stake of €57.13. M Johnston - 15 uniners, 112 runners, 16.1%, 40.1%; J Berry - 19 winners, 137 runers, 12.5%, 453.14. M Stoute - 13 winners, 48 runners, 27.1%, 413.25. Mrs J R Ranades - 11 winners, 10 uniners, 10 %, 5.19.99; M Bell - 9 winners, 11 miners, 22.1%, 412.71 M Camacho -6 winners, 38 runners, 15.8%, 45.16.00. II LEADING JOCKEYS: K Darley - 25 winners, 191 rules, 12.9%, 4.5% 18 J Carrell -20 1.42 rules, 13.2%, 4.5% 26, 27 Duffield - 17.88 rules, 19.7%, 4.5% 18 J Carrell -20 1.42 rules, 13.2%, 4.5% 26, 28 Sunners, 120 rules, 11.7%, 4.1% 28; M Birch -11 winners, 132 rules, 10.0%, 4.2% 50.

BLINESCED FIRST TREE; None, WINNESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: Somerton Boy (2.40) nor at Air List Saturday LONG-DISTANCE RUNNESS. Darraydan (4.50) cm 340 mass from Lady Herrics Augmented Park stable in West Susses; Thatcherella (3.15) cm 340 mass from D Chappell's Wansbury stable in Hampshire

2.05 EBF JOHN WATSON CONSERVATORIES MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO Sf Penalty Value £3,404 O CHANGED TO BALEYS (50) (G R Baley) J Bom 9.0. J Carroll 5
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SPANDILING HARRY (Ales), C Section Max 1, Carroll 9.0. Q Hard 2
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- 6 declared -BETTING: 4-5 China Girl, 9-2 Plan For Profit, 5-1 No Extradition, 7-1 Changed To Bulleys, 10-1

[2.40	JOURNAL 'GOOD MORNING' HANDICAP (CLASS C) £20,000 added 7f Penalty Value £14,135
1	0-40043	DOUBLE BLUE (16) (D) (R W Huggers) M Johnston 7 10 0 K M Chin (5) 7
2	1055-14	OPTIONS OPEN (19) (D) (Innethan Ransden) Mrs J Ransdem 49 7 X Fallon 14
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Ž	20-0050	AUGL (RE) (10) (Harretan Al Ataleoum) P Armstrong 3 9 2 W Carrior 13
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[3.15	TOTE SPRINT TROPHY HANDICAP (CLASS C) C4 £15,000 added of Penalty Value £10,601
1	1561-03	DOUBLE BOUNCE US (D) (Mrs P Scott-Durn) P Mover 6 9 1.3 M Roberts 7
2	500003	CASTLEREA LAD (19) (CD) (Abs Tess Graham) R Holmshear 7 9 10 F Lyach (5) 5
3	11-1452	DOUBLE SPLENDOUR (35) (CD) (Yourshop Owners Gloup: P Feligate is 9.9 K Darley 3
12	421-521	MALLIA (14) (D) (H T Duttin) T Baron 3 9 ?
5	000436	FAME ARAIN [19] (BF) (M R Charton) kbs J Romsdon 497 K Fallon 10
6	500-010	THATCHERELLA (21) (D) of H Widdows! Alogor D Chapper 5 9 4
7	50-00-2	BAYTH (USA) (18) (D) (Topics Barker) M Uster 7 9 0 R Street 13
ġ	2.01:25	STUFFED (15) (D) (Link, Brooktest Synatistics M W Exsterly - S 1.1
9	106150	CAPTAIN CARAT (18) (C) (D) (Coin Websich Mrs.) Ramsden 5.9.11. Clairs West (7) 4
10	302361	BARATO (12) (CD) (Dood R Young: Mrs. J Ramsden 5 6 8 G Carter 6
ī	030340	PLUM FIRST (14) (D) (i) B Solcheri L Llorc-lames 6 8 6 D Hantson 9
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Double Bounce is sure to go close after his Wolungham mart to Emerging Market, Ideally, he would prefer better ground and BARATO is the value alternative. An unlucky spanter, Berato could just come on again effer breaking a long losing sequence at Pontefract 12 days ago and I must favour him over stablemate Farne Again, who seems better sutted by seven furlongs. Staffed didn't get the best of runs behand Carovas Heart at York tast time and his previous Ripon form against Pontend looks better after 50 intrepads intentional subsequent wins. The strong galloping Double Splendour has not been disgraced since the 10th rise for his seasonal appearance win at Northigham, while Mailla takes on the older mass after his York win. But Enchanted Guest, who book him here last month, finished last of 11 behind older horses at kempton on Wednesday. Castlerna Lad, a good that to Bollin Harry at Pontefract last time, is best on this ground, but Tharticherilla wonts some cut.

Selection: BARATO

	[3	3.50	PLATE HCAP (CLASS B) £100,000 added 2m	C4
	1	41-2420	-DARRAYDHN (RRE) (26) (D) (P D Sara) Lady Hernes 4 9 10	K Darley (
	2	213-012	CELERIC (15) (BF) (Christopher Spence) D Mortey 4 9 4	.W Carson 7
	3	11-3530	FULTYAMA CREST (RRE) (11) (D) (Setsuke Hele) M Stocks 4 8 10	Fallon 11 \
	4	61111-1	SNOW PRINCESS (35) (0) (Lord Weinstock) Lord Huntmaton 4 8 10 J	D Hambon 2
	5	4-1125	BACKDROP (IRE) (10) (R E Sangstert P Chapple Hyam 3 8 8	Reid 10
	6		BNVEST WISELY (15) U C Smith) J Eustace 4 8 7	
	ĬŤ		HIGHPLYING (14) (CO) (B Botey) G Moore 10 S 3	
		361156	REMANDI SUN (10) (Texor Barter) M Usher 4.8.1	R Street &
	9		POUNDRY LANE (238) (A Sharrato) Mrs M Reveley 5 8 1	
	10		NOUFARI (FR) (11) (Ed Weetman) R Holmshead 5 7 13	
1			SEA VICTOR (11) (D) () David Abelli / I, Hams 4 7 12 (3c)	
- 1	17	30.3220	EMBRIONIC (INE) (21) (C) (As D Men R Fisher 4 7 11	G Carter 1
			SECRET SERVICE (IRE) (17) (Guy Reed) C Thornton 4 7 10	
			= 13 declared _	د سعب د

Libertum weight, 7st 10th, You handlesp weight, Secret Server 7st 9th, BETTING: 11-4 Snow Princess, 7-2 Celeric, 7-1 Backdrop, Foundry Spena Creet, 12-1 Davidges, 14-1 others 1995: Bold Get 4 9 10 D Hanson 12-1 U R Farshewej 17 ran

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A drop of rain wouldn't come arises for Snow Princesss, but the faster the ground the better for CELERIC, who has an impressive turn of foot and fanced to see out the trip. Hugely impressive when writing at York after being boxed in. Celeru can improve again for the step up on distance after his game effort against Contactin, again on the November Handicap at Donaster. She deflect the 8th nise on her reappearance when beating Latahaba at 10xm Noor and, with Cornditin back in fourth, the form looks good enough to best Celeric. The added 7th nise doesn't put me off her, more the restly fast ground. The ground has to be of some concern regarding Ebor third Foundry Laine, who gets a 23th put with Snow Princess for the six-length beating in the November Handicap. Backdong is asked a question after his recent fifth to Cord in the Queent's Vase, while Replaced Sun can deliver a telling turn of foot but is untried beyond 12 furlongs. Darrydain, who holds Pullylanas Crest on Chester Cup running, six do wonders to win this at the weights. Invest Wisely seems best suited to 14 furlongs and the others are disk hard to fancy.

Selection: CELERIC

4.20 UK LAND ESTATES TROPHY HANDICAP (CLASS C4 £10,000 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £6,808

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The well handicapped Soba Up returned to form to outgun Caution Venture at Chester
on Wednesday and Wiger's Lad is a similar type. Niger's Lad uses 12 furiouss for the first
time after his sar wins last year - his course win being gained from Adail - and his last
afternit was in the much stronger race won by Faaled at Redcar last Saturday. Last of
race though beaten only six lengths then, he has been dropped a further 3th births. Canton Venture has every change of addied to his form was of this sear. He are from the nine though beaten only she lengths men, he has been dropped a namer so nor mis. Canton Verhare has every chance of adding to his four wins of this year. He runs from the from and will be a warm taxounte with a feather weight and with this carson booked. BARDON HILL BOY deserves a change of luck after running up operation. It sted winner since) at Goodwood and Tyleyfor (Bessborough winner at Boverley, His latest showing at York in a laddes' race can easily be excused and he can colar the from running Canton Venture despite the 26th concession. Ten Past Six had no chance against Submit Ladder (Ascot winner since) at Hamaton and this ex-Borry Hills' coll, who is up at distance testal forces to have a race in two national on a second to the beauty of Chineser Chineser. Loday, looks to have a race in him judged on his second to Hugharly at Chris Storey's pair the ex-John Ox trained Fanadilyr (carried big weight at Air orgi-tions) better than that selling hurdle eminer Karayiar. Selection: BARDO

4,50 WHITLEY BAY HOLIDAY PARK CHIPCHASE C4 | 322100 STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed) £20,000 added 6f | 322100 STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed) £20,000 added 6f | 322100 STAKES (STAKES (STAKES) STAKES (STAKES) Nations 7 9 7 | Also Granes 6 2 4-62125 BYANNA, (SSA) (9) (9) (Asknown Al Macham F Danis) 4 9 1 | Paul Eddory 9 3 040-120 MADLY SHARP (8) (9) (100 Stakes) 19 1 | States 1 | G Daffield 3 A 500.00 BRANSTON ABBY (SEC) (10 Data About M Johrston 7 9 0 | M Roberts 8 5 1-1123 CARRANTA (RE) (21) (9) (1200 Local About M States 1 | Saled 1 7 2521-55 INSSEL (27) (7) (States Control About 1 | States 1 | About 1 | About

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Relational is the probable favourite on his fifth to Atraf in the Cork & Ornery, but this upgraded handicapper was racing on the favoured stands side, and he was previously upstaged by Rambling Bear at Lingfield, BRANSTON ARBY never showed in the same race when racing on the opposite side and tools copable of reversing the form. She was orn, two lengths behind likemal at Selephury early lest month and its worth noting that she comprehensively reversed Wolungham form with Ventiume Capitalists when winning the dash fillim going) last your proving once again that she's a law unto herself regarding her ground preference. Venture Capitalist, severint in the Cork & Ornery on the best side, had his day at York last month when Branston Alby (4th better here) failed by sust a head Warming Star is drawn next to the tence and she relishes fast ground. She bear the word for the considered in the Cork state ground. She bear the word fast on the Cork state ground in the Wolungham on fast on she can be considered. Madly Sherp did not show much in the Wolungham on last so she can be considered. Madly Sharp did not show much in the Wolongham or the isoured side and he faces a stem test on these terms against Branston Abby, pear ing in mind he was getting a stone when all-out to beat Venture Coptrainst at Newmarkat Carranita wants plenty of cut.

SENDRIG CONSTRUCTION & FLOORING MAIDEN STAKES 5.20 (CLASS D) £7,500 added 1m Penalty Value £5,295

BETTWO: 5-2 Unitos, 3-1 Railegior, 4-1 Mism

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Naoko Sawamatsu, the Japanese player, is stretched on the forehand during her defeat by Arantxa Sanchez Vicario at Wimbledon yesterday

Final beckons Sanchez Vicario

GUY HODGSON

They all swear blind that it is each game as it comes, yet more than one woman at Wimbledon steeled herself, took a deep breath and had an optimistic peek at the bottom of the women's singles draw after Monica Seles was removed from it. Whether anyone studied the either/or equations with her heart beating faster than Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is de-

The Spaniard had been scheduled to meet Seles in the semi-finals but now, courtesy of Katarina Studenikova, the route to a successive final appears to be relatively clear. Certainly, her formidable barrier.

There were nine Japanese women in the singles, a remarkable advance for the land of the rising daughter, but despite a more than respectable record at Wimbledon, she did not have the game to trouble Sanchez Vicario. The groundstrokes, yes, but the imagination, absolutely no.

The first set was a baseline battle of attrition in which Sawamatsu broke in the fourth and sixth games only for Sanchez Vicario to trump with breaks of her own in games three, seven and nine.

Once the fourth seed knew that her opponent had few sur-prises in her kit-bag, however, "I stretched one of the liga-ments in my arm as I went for

opponent yesterday. Naoko it was a formality and, despite a shot," she said, "and my wrist ball down at speeds approach-Sawamatsu, did not present a an interruption for rain, she won went the other way. It's not any-ing 120mph and at 6ft 2in she

"I concentrated better after the break," Sanchez Vicario said. "I started playing more aggressive, trying to go for my shots. I think I improved when I needed to. I'm playing better at this stage than I was last year. I feel more comfortable."

Apart from a pain in the wrist that is. Just about the last thing the championships need, par-ticularly with Boris Becker's withdrawal, was another name to succumb to injury so it was probably more than the medical staff who were concerned when Sanchez Vicario pulled up with a wrist injury during the match.

thing important. I'll just have to take care.

One seed who did not take sufficient care was Brenda Schultz-McCarthy who appears to have everything she needs to succeed at Wimbledon but manages to blow it on an annual basis. This time the Dutch 11th seed found a way to make an early exit against Sabine Appelmans.

The Belgian plays left-hand-ed because her friends used to when she was little, which makes you wonder what kind of player she would be if she ever used the stronger wing because she tamed the most violent serve in the women's game with some blistering returns. Schultz-McCarthy blasts the forcibly removed from the

court by the erstwhile Yugoslav in the final of Eastbourne last Saturday. While Seles is winging her rarely has to do much more than stretch out her arms to finish off way back to Florida, Fernandez the job even if her opponent's co-ordination is fast enough to

is through to the last 16 with a make a return. Appelmans was 6-2, 6-0 win over Argentina's quick and accurate, and faced Florencia Labat. To date she has with the novel experience of got that far for the loss of a mere having to move her feet, 10 games and looks like a Schultz-McCarthy was slowly woman with a mission to remove a bad memory.

"Monica on a strong day, Four years ago one man put she said of Eastbourne while failing to mention that it was a jaded one for her after two £10,000 on that Schultz-Mc-Carthy would Wimbledon one day, a bet that is looking less wise by the year. It would have matches and six sets against taken an extremely bold punter, Conchita Martinez and Jana Novotna on the day before. "I however, to place money on am surprised that she's gone out Mary Joe Fernandez lasting longer in the tournament than Seles after she had been but the competition is so strong these days you never can be totally confident."

Court circular

Jensen flannels his way through

Wimbledon.

Jensen, an American, was banned from wearing an Engaround Wimbledon rules after making a trip to Lillywhites sports shop in the centre of

When he walked out ou court for his mixed doubles first round with Nicole Arendt, he was bedecked in full cricket kit. "I was all decked out with

long trousers and a cricket sweater that had the three lions on the front," said Jensen. who was a 1996 French Open finalist with Arendt. Jensen, who was also wear-

ing a Robbie Fowler-style nose-plaster to improve his breathing, moved comfortably into the second round with a straight-sets victory.

Luke Jensen has After the match Jensen. got his wish to nicknamed "Dual Hand wear "three lions Luke", because of his ability to on his shirt" at: play both left and right-handed rewealed his tactics for play-ing mixed doubles. You

naturally go for looks when land football jersey during the championships but got with a smile. "And when you play of course you go for the girl but not with big serves because most of them drill it back. It's the spin they can't handle.

If you lose, your tactics change a little, he added. Well, you can always blame the girl in mixed doubles," said Jensen, who might have hit on the flannels idea while offering expert comment on the championships for the benefit Radio Five Live listeners.

If Arendt does pick up the mixed doubles title with Jensen, she will get more than the £34,000 prize-money she is a big collector of Swarovski silver animals and treats herself to one after every competition.



A spectator is less than enthralled by the action on No 2

Rock bash for Cash

John McEnroe and Pat Cash, once the wild boys of Wimbledon, are reaching for their guitars and joining top rock stars to raise money for charity.

It is a cause close to their hearts - the Vitas Gerulaitis Foundation that commemorates the name of their old friend and gives inner city children a chance to play tennis. They will be packing a London West End chib this weekend with Rod Stewart, Peter Gabriel, The

Who, Wet Wet Wet and Oasis.

luminaries such as Pete Sampras a welcome break.

The injury-plagued Cash, back at Wimbledon to play in the doubles this year, believes rock stars and tennis players make good soul mates. "Tennis people love their music. It is their major way of relaxing. And the musos love their sport," he said.

McEnroe was initially sceptical, telling Cash: "It wouldn't be the same without Vitas." But he was soon convinced. Up to 1.000 guests are ex-pected for Saturday's concert over this and ensuring it is a

Washington making a name for himself

RICHARD EDMONDSON

It is not easy being an umpire at Wimble-don. You have to adjudicate on codes of dress, player behaviour and close line calls. And then there

The sporting equivalent of Peter Piper is offered at Wimbledon every year and yesterday the big one seemed to be Mali-Vai Washington v Bohdan Ulihrach. The accepted pronunciation for the former in Europe is "mally-vi", but if you asked for that person at the front door of his Florida home a puzzled look would spread

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Men's singles

Holder: P Sampras 心の

caller might feel a bit wearv anyway after the walk up the drive: Washington has collected career prize money of \$2,372,042 (£1.5m).

Our man is actually called called mal-la-VEE-yah and his parents seem to believe the initial M sits rather nicely with the Washington surname. None of that George or Denzil non-sense. MaliVai has a brother Mashiska and three sisters, Mashona, Micheala and

As he had to deal with only surnames, the umpire on Court Two was spared a verbal faux pas vesterday whenever Washington had to be mentioned. But

TODAY'S RESULTS FROM WIMBLEDON

M Washington (US) bt 8 Ulitrach (Cz Rep) 6-3 6-3 6-0

Flohansson (Swel bt D Flach (US) 6-1 6-4 6-3

N Godhim (SA) bt B BECKER (Ger) 6-6 (ret)

M Petthey and D Sapsford (GB) bt K Thome and J Wate (US) 6-4 7-6(7-2) 6-2

M PHILIPPOUSSIS (Aus.) and P RAFTER (Aus.) bt K Plach and D Wheaton (US) 7-6 7-5

J Bates and C Williamson (GB) bt J Delga-co and L Milligan (GB) 6-1 7-5 6-0

T CARBONELL and F ROIG (Spain) by W Arthurs and A Kratzmann (Aus.) 6-1 5-7 6-7 7-6 9-7

T WOODBRIDGE and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bt M Med (US) and M Larsson (Swe) 6-3 6-3 6-2

P GALBRATTH (US) and A OLHOVSKY (Rus) bt J Bellok (US) and L Paes (Ind) 6-2 7-5

T Kempers and T Nijssen (Neth) bt M Ard-right and N Bruno (h) 7-5 7-6 6-4

K Studenkova (Slovak) bt D Van Roost (Bel) 6-3 6-2

) Wiesner (Aux.) bt G Fernandez (US) 6-2 7-5

M .) FERNANDEZ (US) bt F Labet (Arg) 6-2 6-0

A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Spam) by N Sawa-matsu (Japan) 6-4 6-1

S Appelmans (Bel) bt B SCHULTZ-MC-CARTHY (Noth) 7-5 3-6 12-10

A Frazer (US) bt I Gorrochategui (Arg) 6-0

lers: J Novotna ICz Rep) and A Sanchez

Women's singles

Holder: S Graf (Gerl

Men's doubles

Second round

Holders: T Woodbridge and M W

M Tristrom (See) bt S EDBERG (Swe) 4-6 First round 6-4 7-6 6-4

over the occupant's face. (The on the occasions his opponent won a game, a strange noise came from the top of the official's chair, the sort you normally hear when you find your grandad gargling in the bath-room. Bohdan Ulihrach (BOdan, OO-lee-rock) sounds as dreadful as Vlad The Impaler and his name certainly scared

> Frame (frame). Washington was less disturbing. His manners are lovely. The world No 20 does not miss on any please or thank you when ball-boys bring him water, and on the rare occasions he he approached the chair with an almost embarrassed posture.

> > R Nideffer (SA) and P Shrwer (US) bt E Nagelsen and M Seles (US) 4-6 6-4 9-7

J NOVOTNA (C2 Rep) and A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bt A Frazier and K Po (US) 4-6 6-2 6-1

N ARENDT (US) and M M BOLLEGRAF (Neth) bt A Carisson (Swe) and A Temes-van (Hun) 6-1 6-2

N BRADTKE and R McQUILLAN (Aus) bt J M Hethermeton (Car) and K Rinald Stunkel (US) 6-3 6-1

M HINGIS (Switt) and H SUKOVA (Cz Rep) bt T Krizan (Slovak) and C Papadaki (Gre)

R Bergh (Swe) and K Po (US) bt M KNOWLES (Bah) and L RAYMOND (US) 6-4 3-6 6-3

B MacPheand T S Whitinger-Jones (US) bt S Carnon (US) and P Hy-Boulais (Can) 7-6 6-1

M Lucena and M McGrath (US) bt B TAL-BOT (SA) and C M Vis (Neth) 6-3 4-6 6-4

S Dates (Aus.) and P D Smylle (Aus.) bt 1. Peet (Ind) and K Nagatsuka (Japan) 6-4 6-4

P Cash (Aus) and M Pierce (Fr) bt L PIMEN real and K M Adams (US) 6-4 6-3

Second round

Mixed doubles

Washington may be 5ft 11in but he is operating in the land of the giants and his chunky body accentuates this relative smallness. Over the net was the modern prototype. The 21-year-old from Prague is 6ft 2in of the leanest cut in the shop. But, as the match progressed, Ulihrach, shrank further from his full beight to end up a bent, forlorn the living daylights out of John figure. In less than an hour and a quarter Washington had blown away him, and the Czech Republic's sense of invincibility, by

> With Boris Becker now removed, the American appears to have calm waters ahead of him to the semi-finals, where he should not count on the undi-

a 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 scoreline.

vided support that rolled from the stands yesterday. He could meet one Tim Henman at that stage. That would be some progress for the 27-year-old, as he has never previously been beyond the second round here. In 1991 he led Ivan Lendl by two sets to love before presenting the No 3 seed with the match on a velvet cushion.

worn down 7-5, 3-6, 12-10.

Sampras. But the only real certainty is Washington to go through a sentence without using the word "heck" or the phrase "you know". He will not be appearing on Radio Four's Just A Minute.

For some reason people reckon the bet of the tournament is

American player since Arthur Ashe and recognises that tennis is not the preferred sport among black children. "You know, the kids I was growing up with, none of them ever played tennis and I got a couple of jabs," he said. "It can be an economic thing, I mean it's not the cheapest sport in the world, but heck, my Dad taught me so it's not like we were

ever paying for tennis lessons."
Payment for anything is no longer a problem, especially as Washington could probably earn just as much as a male model. People magazine once selected him as among "The Top 50 Most Beautiful People in the World." Heck, that makes Washington is the best black him blush you know.

Ball-girl gives Henman some sensible advice

The ball-girl, hit in the head by a ball struck in exasperation by Tim Henman during last year's championships. vesterday wished him good luck in his bid to become the first British man to win Wimbledon since Fred

BOOGERT (Neth) and 1 SPIRLEA (Rom) bt 1 Demongeot and C Dhenm (Fra) 6-4 Student Caroline Hall, 17, now too old to be a ball-girl, said the incident which cost Henman his place in the tournament last year, was water under the Holders: J Stark and M Navrations (US)

"It's him I feel sorry for he's really got a lot of pressure on him. I think he's got a great chance and will go a long way. If it's not this year it will be soon," she said.

L Jensen and N Arendt (US) bt P Kildery (Aus) and A Sugyame (Jepan) 6-4 7-6 "He's a really nice guy – a really natural person as well. His first-round performance against M Costing (Neth) and E Callens (Bel) bt L J Bale (SA) and Y Basuki (Indon) 6-4 6-4 Yevgeny Kafelnikov was really J GRABB and L WILD (US) bt M Hurang (Ger) and D Graham (US) 7-5 7-6 valiant and a really tough first

"What happened is all water under the bridge. It hurt at the time because the ball was travelling at 90mph and hit me on the side of the head but since then it has been fine.

"I wish him good luck and I'll be watching. My advice to the ball-girls is don't worry about keeping your head down just

concentrate on the game," she So you thought the favourite said speaking from her home in south London.

the only home-grown talent still in this year's men's singles. Henman's defeat of the world No 5 Kafelnikov has made him ninth favourite to lift

singles' title at Wimbledon since Virginia Wade in 1977. The incident with the ball happened during a first-round doubles match last year with Henman disqualified after his

the men's trophy at 50-1 and be-

come the first Briton to win a

angry swipe after losing a point he felt he should have won. He later apologised with flowers and a kiss. Henman, 21. is a tennis thoroughbred, and the fourth generation in his family to play at Wimbledon. His great-grandmother Ellen

Stawell-Brown was the first woman to serve overarm at Wimbledon, while his grandfather, Henry Billington, reached the third round of the men's singles in the late 40s and early 50s. Three of his children com-

pastime at Wimbledon - apart from watching the tennis - was Prep school boy Henman is hoping to beat taxi driver's son Luke Milligan, 19, to become Consuming strawberries and downing Pinnns? While strawberries and yoghurt have bécome de rigueur for the health-conscious at this year's championships, salmon is also being consumed at a rate of knots, with 12,000 kilos having been sold so far.

Andre Agassi, the 1992 Wimbledon champion, may have made an early exit from this year's tournament but his postcard is still the biggest seller. The Las Vegas showman tops the list at Wimbledon's museum shop, ahead of triple winner Boris Becker.

Marc Rosset, the 14th seed, will head for Atlanta after Wimbledon to defend his Olympic title although it does not seem he has much choice in making his trip across the Atlantic, The Swiss No 1 who beat Goran Ivanisevic and Jim Courier on his way to gold in Barcelona said: "I'll play in the Olympics or otherwise they'll kill me. I'm a dead man in Switzerland if I don't go. I cannot return, peted at junior Wimbledon, one they won't let me return if I'm of whom is Tim's mother, Jane. not playing."

which could give Wimbledon good party," Cash said. THE SEEDS' PROGRESS **WOMEN'S**

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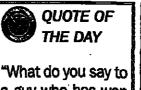




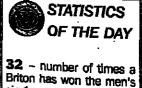








a guy who has won Wimbledon three times and is second seed? I just said 'bad luck'." Neville Godwin on Boris Becker's retirement

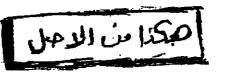


41 - number of scoreboard operators at Wimbledon. 5 - number of minutes it took for Milligan to win a point against Henman. 13,120 - seats on Centre Court.

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Jensen flanne his way through

Brown among variety of England options

DEREK PRINGLE

Cricket Correspondent

There is little doubt that England's selectors are becoming an increasingly progressive bunch. Having selected their last squad over the phone, they will select the next one knowing that five of the team have not played any first-class cricket since Lord's.

As the players involved are Michael Atherton (rest), Graeme Hick (rest), Chris Lewis (resting niggle), Peter Martin (rest) and Alan Mullally (no county game), massive changes are clearly not immi-

HENRY BLOFELD

Derbyshire 98 & 210-7

Northamptonshire 210

Events unfolded almost as dra-

matically off the field as they did

on it at Wantage Road yester-day. While the weather which

claimed 47 overs was the only

factor to hold up Curtly Am-

brose and posipone Northamp-tonshire's first Championship

ictory of the season, Harry

Brind and Donald Carr arrived

from Lord's to inspect the trou-

bounce was exaggerated, as it al-

ways will be, by Ambrose al-though it was the fear of what

might happen rather than what

actually did happen that caused

ry of the pitch when it was re-

vealed that Carr, the chairman

of the pitches committee at

Lord's, had made a routine vis-

While there, he was asked his

it to the ground last Wednesday.

view of the two pitches available

for this match. He said he

thought the one which had al-

ready been used for Tuesday's NatWest Trophy looked the

better of the two and would be

less likely to produce a clatter.

There was a twist to the sto-

most of the wickets to fail.

Once again the uneven

blesome pitch.

obviously know who they want and while many may feel that Hick would be better off batting his way back to form, the man himself clearly feels he will respond better to a break.

Yet having managed to pull the sabbatical off - by persuading counties to rest players involved at Lord's - England's coach, David Lloyd, is breaking fresh ground. The practice may not be new abroad, but it is here, and this unprecedented step is the clearest indicator yet of how much the selectors' power is increasing

Northants

edge closer

in the rain

Ironically, though, the same

The first arrival yesterday was Brind, the inspector of pitches who automatically be-

comes involved if 15 or more

wickets fall in a day's Champi-

onship cricket. He inspected the surface but his thoughts and

suggestions will not be revealed

He was followed after kinch

by a return visit from Carr who

drove up the M1 to make sure

that his eyes had not deceived

him on Wednesday. He will also

remain silent until the game has

bad start when play began at 2.15 after rain. In the first 10

overs they lost both openers to

slip catches off Ambrose and

Paul Taylor. This brought to-

gether Chris Adam and Dean

Jones in Derbyshire's first stand

of real substance in the match.

anything at all short and when

the ball was pitched up he once

or twice pulled or slogged it

away over mid-wicket. He

reached 50 in 512 balls with one

six and seven fours while Jones

made sure the other end was

safe. They had put on 92 when

John Emburey made one turn

and lift in the over before tea

and Jones was out to a juggling

catch at short leg.

After tea, Ambrose claimed
3 for 7 in a fiercely hostile spell

Adams pulled vigorously at

Derbyshire again made a

until the match is over.

Graham Gooch after Raymond Illingworth requested his presence at games other than the one scheduled for Southend, where Essex are playing Surrey. It is the first time Illing-

worth has asked Essex to release Gooch, which is not unreasonable, and it appears that the chairman of selectors - still smarting over his fine - has been snubbed for the second time in 10 days. It calls out for a headline reading: "Selector selected. Players not playing". Even so, with so much re-

cently focused on events off the field, the selectors must not become distracted. With Pakistan

following next week's final Test against India at Trent Bridge, the chairman must now decide whether the time is right for England to change tack slightly. If he does - and England faced their first stern task of the summer at Lord's - it will be the bowling that will most readily

After two fruity Test pitches. early reports from Trent Bridge are that the surface is so anodyne that Brian Bolus, one of Illingworth's scouts and a former selector himself, reckons a timeless Test could not be concluded upon its benign surface. Normally that would suit England, for whom a draw

come under scrutiny.

would mean a series victory. However, important as that boost may appear, long-term benefits will only emerge if teams are beaten regularly and in all circumstances. If England are to be at their peak against Pakistan, they must dispatch India at Nottingham.

If the pitch does live up to its pre-match billing, both variety and movement will be needed - India had more of both at Lord's - especially if India. who believe in themselves again, are to be bowled out twice. England have to dismiss sides if they want to compete

mon Brown, must join Lewis and Cork. Darren Gough, who has been taking wickets for York-Mark Ealham instead. shire, may also be a contender, The only other way England though he mainly relies on reverse inswing later in the innings

done little wrong, but as he does not swing the ball, a bland frent Bridge is not for him. With Min Patel bound to get a second cap, there could be pressure on Rounie Irani to keep his place. Forced to bat out of character at Lord's, Irani responded with great resolve in helping Jack Russell save the match. But if little more could be asked of

for his movement. Mullally has

well be tempted to try the in-form

could conceivably inject some variety would be to select Yorkshire's Michael Vaughan as an opener who bowls off-spin. With Nick Knight still not properly fit, it would be particularly hard on Alec Stewart were the Surrey skipper to miss out after his efforts at Lord's. However with Illingworth in his current mood, being from a southern county may just have its disadvantages.

Briton equals course record

sport

England's Steve Richardson reversed his recent wretched form in Paris yesterday. The 28year-old former Ryder Cup player equalled both the course record and the best round of hi

life with a nine-under-par 63. Richardson now leads the tournament with a 13-under-par total of 131 at half-way. The Enropean No I Colin Montgomerie, however, sank a nine-foot eagle putt on the fi-nal green for a 60 but discovered that he had still missed the cut.

His two-under aggregate was one too many, and he criticised he course for being too easy. "I prefer to play where the errant drive is punished." he said. Here the ball goes further the wider you go. It's a good course nade easy by having no rough.

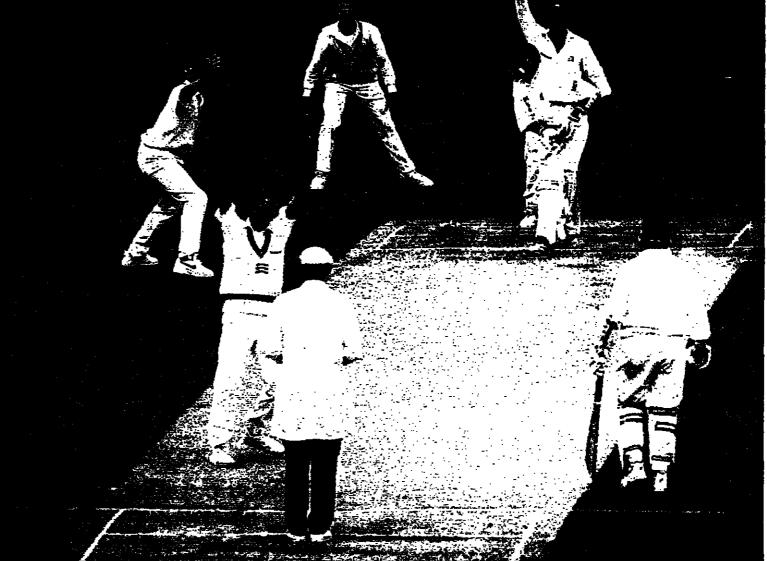
Richardson, 146th on this season's money list before the event, has a two-stroke advantage over the Ulsterman Raymond Burns, with Ian Woosnam, defending champion Paul Broadhurst and South African Retief Goosen one shot further back.

"This is the first time in a long while I've felt comfortable with my swing," Richardson said. The been trying to shorten it a bit – sometimes with the driver could see the tip of the club out

of the corner of my eye." Burns shaved a stroke off his opening 67 to move into second place and then gave a very different view of Le Golf National to Montgomerie. "It's a pleasure to play on a course with good greens, good bunkers, good fairways and good tee boxes," said the 22-year-old former Walker Cup amateur.

Broadhurst, winner by eight last year, was only a shot away from his own course record as the work he has put in this season with Montgomerie's coach, Bill Ferguson, showed its first real dividend with a 64.

Woosnam, another Fergu son pupil, was delighted with his latest new putter as he returned 65. "It's the best I've felt on the greens in a long while," said the Welshman, who needs a top-five finish to regain top place in the Order of Merit from Montgomeric. Goosen also eagled the last – and so did Ballesteros, for a 66 that left him six under and smiling broadly



haunt cricket administrators. of the last 10 overs. **Pearson provokes** late Essex collapse

of wickets. This was either a of 22 balls including Adams who most damning comment on the played on. It was left to Phillip

state of the square as a whole or DeFreitas and Karl Krikken to one of those judgements that lift Derbyshire's lead to 98 with

have a habit of returning to bad light and rain claiming six

Essex slumped into trouble and a six, put on 201 for the against Surrey at Southend as fourth wicket. they lost three wickets in the fi-Gooch and Paul Grayson had opened with century stand.

Grayson, having made 62 out of a partnership of 131, was snapped up round the corner by Alec Stewart off Richard Pearson who then bowled Ashley Cowan, the nightwatchman. Darren Bicknell then struck in the final over when he had Nasser Hussain caught at silly mid-off for nought.

That left Essex 134 for 3 and relying heavily on Gooch, unbeaten on 46, if they are to reach the 327 needed to avoid being asked to follow on.

Surrey, who resumed at 345 for 3, spent a further 47 overs in carrying their total to 476 for 8 before Stewart declared. Graham Thorpe added only six to his overnight score before being bowled by Peter Such for 143, but Adam Hollioake collected his third century of the summer. He finally went for 128,

caught off a mistimed pull

Hollioake and Thorpe, whose innings included 14 fours

The biggest stand of the nal six overs after Graham match, 70, between John Morris and Stewart Hutton put Durham in a strong position against Gloucestershire at Chester-le-Street. With only 54 overs bowled because of rain yesterday Durham raised hopes of their first Championship win of the season by reaching 92 for 1 in their second innings – a lead of 101.

Melvyn Betts recorded career-best figures for the fourth time this season, taking his tally of wickets to 31 by finishing with 5 for 68 as Gloucestershire were dismissed for 166. Betts and Simon Brown, who

now has 40 wickets, bowled unchanged for 20 overs to polish off Gloucestershire after they had resumed on 90 for 5. India resisted the temptation

of trying to force a victory against British Universities by batting right through the final day of the game at Fenner's. Rahul Dravid took the opportunity to score his first century of the tour with a six and 13 against Cowan, after an innings which brought him 17 boundaries and spanned 340 minutes. fours in his unbeaten 101 as the students used eight bowlers.

Pollock's six wickets light up dark day reports from Lord's Middlesex 413 Warwickshire 76-1

Staring at an empty cricket ground could be a job for sinners in hell. Weather-watching accounted for 46 overs yesterday and the match drifted in and out of focus, as Middlesex meandered through an interrupted

morning into a dull afternoon. Mark Ramprakash's departure after he had added five runs to his overnight 164 - and even those took him 27 deliveries -

DEREK HODGSON

Yorkshire 321

reports from Worcester

Worcestershire 147-3

The chairman of selectors, Ray

Illingworth, was still unable to

get a selector to New Road on the second day - are there any

old selectors available for part-

time jobbing? - but it was the

"A" team candidates for Aus-

tralia in October, rather than

Test hopefuls against Pakistan

next month, who shone in the

Reuben Spiring, 21-year-old son of the old Liverpool strik-

er Peter, led a Worcestershire

counter- attack and reached an-

gloom and drizzle.

set the tone for the day. Shaun that is, had already taken care shot was not exactly textbook. Pollock, always dangerous from the Pavilion End, startled the usually assured Ramprakash with one that lifted sharply. The batsman's attempt to guide it to third man presented Pollock with his first five-wicket haul in the championship and Dominic

Ostler with his fourth catch. Wicketkeeper Keith Brown did stay long enough to reach a summer's best, but he had only moved on by 19 runs from his first-day score before he fell victim to his namesake. Dougie Brown, caught by opposing wicketkeeper Mike Burns for 79

other half-century with a smash-

ing square cut off Darren

Gough. He now has four 50s

Fast-medium Chris Silver-

wood, also 21, is a new kind of

cricketer, teetotal and a karate

black belt. He took two wickets

in two balls, including Tom

After waiting until 2 p.m. to

start, Yorkshire might have profited more from an overnight de-

claration at 312-7. They batted

another half-hour to gain just

nine runs for three wickets.

David Byas must have hoped for

another rapid 50 but Gough dol-

lied to cover after attempting an horrendous heave. Stuart

Lampitt's length and direction

was altogether too good for Sil-

Moody's.

and a century in six matches.

of Richard Johnson with his In fact it was a stroke made controlled seam bowling and, after the ignominy of being creamed for two boundaries by Angus Fraser, had him well taken behind in the same over. Pollock returned in search of

a sixth wicket with last man Phil Tufnell at the crease. But Tufnell was not over-willing to give up his wicket, particularly since he has been in some kind of form with the bat - he has passed his hundred for the season, and at an average of more than 17 in nine outings.

Inspired Spiring lifts Worcestershire

verwood and Richard Stemp.

his seamers would be as effec-

tive he was gravely disappoint-

ed. The pitch may not have been as lively as on Thursday, al-

though it must be wearing.

Gough was quick but his di-

rection wavered, while Hartley

found the line without winning

much movement before leaving

Eleven overs had gone before

Gough trapped Phil Weston

and another 20 had been added

before Silverwood, who had

replaced Hartley after three overs, cheered Yorkshire's trav-

elling support with his two

wickets. Matthew Church, on

29, just cleared short leg's up-

stretched fingertips from the last

the field with a side strain.

And if Byas was hoping that

more in self-defence after Pollock got another to lift. Tufnell then attempted an extravagant drive next hall and was bowled by a ball of fuller length. Pollock finished with his best figures for Warwickshire of 6 for 56.

Slow left-armer Tufnell had the penultimate word, rudely interrupting Neil Smith's innings when the batsman went back. stabbed forward and missed the ball, which did not miss his pads. Sadly for a match needing some light relief dark skies He had edged to four when had the last word, driving everyhe found the boundary. The one off with over an hour left.

ball of Gough's ninth over.He

took the run but was pinned on

the back foot by Silverwood's

first ball of the next over. The

next one was even better, cutting

in past Moody's forward jab to

brush the pads and trim the off

bail. The structure of the innings

ways helpful to have Tim Cur-

tis at one end. He spent 12

overs for his first three runs but

his was the solid dependable

figure to reassure Spiring.

Spiring's confidence seems un-

limited however. He greeted

Craig White by driving and cut-

ting him for three boundaries

rived the newly capped Stemp.

Before the evening rain ar-

in an over.

At such moments it's al-

creaked and cracked.

moned to Lord's after receiving a "below average" marking for their Test match pitch for the second year in succession. The Test and County Cricket Board will express their concern when Warwickshire officials appear before the pitches committee next week.

Tim Lamb, the TCCB cricket secretary, said: "The Board are concerned about pitch preparation at Edgbaston and we will be doing everything possible via the pitches committee to sort it out. The matter needs to be addressed

ly blocked off one end. York-

shire's lucky run with the

Only two overs were possi-

ble on the second day of Lan-

after Steve Titchard and Mike

Watkinson had added seven

runs to Lancashire's overnight

373 for 5 another torrential

shower forced the umpires,

Trevor Jesty and Alan White-

head, to abandon play. Watkinson was left one run

short of his first Championship

50 of the season while Titchard

moved to 121 not out.

weather has now ended.

ford yesterday.

Motorcycling Troy Corser, of Australia, pipped Britain's Carl Fogarty for provisional pole position in

Corser sets

fastest

practice time

last Sunday's fifth round of the World Superbike Championship at Brno. Czech Republic, with a formidable lap in yesterday's opening practice session.

Corser was more than half a second faster on his Ducati than the back-to-form Fogarty, who insists there is still more to come from his Castrol Honda team. "It's definitely a track that suits Corser but that doesn't mean to say I've given up on pole position this weekend," Fogarty said. "There's Saturday's qualifying to come yet.

"It took me most of the session to get dialled in but I'm now a lot happier about my suspension settings for the rest of the weekend."

cashire's Championship game against Somerset at Old Traf-Fogarty's fellow Lancastrian Neil Hodgson took third place from his Ducati team-mate Heavy morning rain delayed the start until 10 to three and I John Kocinski.

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Didn't the England fans do well?

Shour before England's third match of Euro 96 it was clear that only one set of fans felt at home. The Dutch. Luxuriously decked out in their team's colours, they marched on the twin towers with the nonchalance of those who belonged. They even managed to make lurid orange wigs appear the epitome of

The English, by contrast, were like teenagers at their first disco. Wideeyed and gauche, they displayed none of the sang-froid of the visitors.

Two hours later these memories made England's victory all the sweeter. As the Dutch watched in disbelief, the home following exploded in raucous, unthreatening celebration, and a remarkable transformation was nearing completion. The England fans were finding a new identity.

Where once their collective image was one of tattooed machismo and white-knuckle batred, at this tournament it had become flag-waving and endless choruses of "Football's Coming Home". For nearly three weeks the nation has become increasingly overtaken by the feel-good factor, one that found its cradle at Wembley. On the pitch, certainly,

For nearly three weeks the nation has become increasingly overtaken by the feel-good factor

where England's players have competed with the best and shown themselves to be the most enterprising side in Europe. But also in the stands. Here too England's fans have demonstrated that stereotypes need alteration. I know. I was there.

Such an upbeat conclusion may attract derision this morning after the wearyingly familiar images of violence that have returned to our screens in the last few days. Certainly they are a depressing reminder that football, particularly when allied to alcohol, has not lost its capacity to inspire viciousness. But what has happened needs to be put in context. These were sporadic incidents, very few of which involved either sets of supporters at Wembley on Wednes-

In assessing the behaviour of the England fans over the duration of the tournament, it is worth pointing out that before it began organised hooliganism was widely expected, particularly from the home following. It simply did not happen. So that while it would be foolish to be too positive - the real cult to avoid the conclusion that England's fans emerge from Euro 96 with as much credit as their



Committed to the cause: England fans show a refreshing enthusiasm for the national team during the game against Spain

land game, we were quickly joined by a small but vocal group whose deafening cries of "In-Ger-Land" demonstrated all the consideration for their fellow-travellers for which football fans are so widely

On the platform at Baker Street the Ingerlanders spotted four middle-aged Swiss, faces painted, attempting with no success to fade into the background. A stout thirtysomething who barely fitted into his England shirt and casual shorts, made straight for them, and with the tournament still a couple of hours from its kick-off the first outbreak of mindless violence seemed

"How are you? How long are you offered his hand and a smile.

The Swiss responded with bewil-

What do you think your chances

It was a happy moment, but the rest of the journey did little to alleviate a sense of foreboding. True it soon became clear that most English fans regarded the Swiss as, well, neutral, but that was only because the were reserving their real spite for the

The songs were a strange mix. To hear "We Are Ron's Twenty-Two", the 1982 World Cup song was bizarre; to then get the national anthem was warming and chilling at the same time; but "No Surrender To The IRA" was just chilling.

The latter proved the favourite and sitting on the tube on that first day, cocooned among a mob of Chelsea fans, it was easy to be dein the Premiership didn't exist," my brother said, and looking around all dered reserve, but the stout one was you could see were white males. mostly between the ages of 16 and "Are you having a good time? 30. In fact this sample proved

completely misleading, and over the five games there was a broader spectrum supporting England than at the average Premiership game, and certainly a lot more women.

Once inside Wembley the fans passed the first test by managing not to boo the Swiss national authem. The atmosphere was supportive if hardly rapturous. An early goal helped but as England lost the plot. so did the support.

"Come on England, you're just like watching City." a blue-shirted onlooker in a nearby row screamed.
"They're not that bad," his mate

In the second half, as collective torpor engulfed team and fans, the two Mancunians tried in vain to exhort their neighbours into a more ansay," the first concluded, "Shit stadium, no fans.

As we trooped away that baking summer evening, Venables' men were not the only ones to have

made an uncertain start. Consolation was found in focusing on the next match, and the virulence of the chanting suggested a bloodbath, particularly as it was difficult to en-visage the Scots backing out of the

challenge that was being promised.

As things turned out the game proved a turning point, on and off the field. There was precariously little policing outside, but there did not need to be. The atmosphere was robust, but good-humoured. Plenty of baiting, but little battling.

Once inside, the Scottish fans were brilliant. Outnumbered, they were never outshouted and maintained a stupendous level of support even after the cause had been lost. They exuded a marvellous sense of munal lunacy, suitably demoning All Over the World" at half-time. which remains one of the highlights of the tournament.

It was difficult not to envy their sense of nationality. A disparate sentiment, that was in keeping with the growing atmosphere of exuber-ant celebration.

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The joyous rendition of the song at the end of the Spain game was the best moment of a tense and slightly deflating afternoon. As we finished it for the second time the middle aged women in the row behind me could hold herself back no longer and be-

gan crying uncontrollably.

And so to the semi-final, and the apparently inevitably clash with the Germans. Once again fears were expressed about how the two sets of fans would react, but walking back along Wembley Way the theme seemed to be one of irony. The vast majority of the crowd were English, but an outbreak of booing signalled a pocket of Germans. Closer in-spection revealed that it was the Germans booing their hosts. Seconds mans booing their hosts. Seconds later a group of identically clad teenage girls strode the other way, all sporting Coca-Cola T-shirts, with the smallest screaming at her puzzled onlookers, "Get your tits out, get your tits out..." Presumably it was irony.

The match itself was as enthralling and passionale as any club game I

and passionate as any club game I have been to, Cup finals included, the

They have found a way to express their nationalism without becoming a national embarrassment

support as committed and intense. It seemed a wonderful night until the end, and I hope when it crystallises in the memory it is the many positive aspects that will prevail. Like the chanting of "One Gareth Southgate" that echoed within seconds of the

Likewise the competition itself. There were negative images, not least of Wembley stadium which remains a decaying and dated edifice whose prime rationale appears to be to rip off its most loyal customers. And not all my memories of fans are good ones. There was the unnecessary heckling of a good-natured Spanish trio before that game, and a few nut-ters searching (in vain, I think) for Germans after the semi.

But most of them are, and most of all there was a feeling that English supporters might, just might, have found a middle way between the self-conscious passivity with which they began Euro 96 and the mindless boorishness for which they are famed. That like the Scots, the Dutch, and even, for goodness sake the Swiss, they have found a without becoming a national embarrassment.

If so, whatever happened on Wednesday night, the tournament can be declared a success.

Walker turns to law to stop Shearer rumours

ALAN NIXON

Jack Walker, the man whose millions brought Alan Shearer to Blackburn Rovers, vesterday strongly denied that the club's prime asset was on his way to Manchester United "There is no way Alan Shear-

er is going anywhere," the Rovers owner said from his Jersey home before instructing the club's solicitors to "take issue" with the Sun newspaper. "Shearer himself has said

that he is happy to stay. He wants to get back to playing for us next season," Walker said. "I can assure you and Blackburn Rovers fars that Alan is going nowhere. We are intending to strengthen our side this summer This talk just goes on and

on. It causes nothing but trou-ble for me and the club. We are selling season tickets and it's unsettling. It's just ridiculous. "We are also looking at the legal side to see if there is anything we can do about it. We want to get this speculation

Walker is angry that United have made their interest in the would more than double the

England striker known. He has spent almost £60m building up Blackburn and knows that selling Shearer would demolish everything he has taken years putting together.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, has already had two inquiries turned down and maior foreign clubs like Juventus and Barcelona would break the bank for the leading scorer in

Walker went on the offensive after his chairman. Robert Coar, had also denied that United had been in touch. Martin Edwards. United's chief executive, described the reports that Blackburn would pick up £12m for Shearer, plus

United's £7m-rated Andy Cole as "absolute rubbish". However, he did admit that the club had made a recent offer. "I made an initial approach for Alan Shearer before Euro 96 and Blackburn told us there was no way they would let him leave," Edwards said. "We made a second inquiry and were told the same. There is lit-

tle else we can do but accept Blackhum's decision."

British record of £8.5m, which Liverpool paid Nottingham Forest for Stan Collymore a year

Shearer rejected United to accept a more lucrative offer from Blackburn and joined them for £3.3m four years ago. He has scored 37 goals in each of the past two seasons.

The player is saying nothing about the growing battle for his services next season as he prepares for a family holiday in Barbados, Sources close to him suggest he could persuade Walker to let him move abroad to Juventus or another leading foreign side. In Italy his wages would be trebled.

The prospects of Blackburn selling to a domestic rival like United is too much for Rovers to handle emotionally or financially. Since Walker's arrival the club's gates have almost quadrupled. To sell Shearer to United would disillusion that

support for good.

Blackburn could justify losing Shearer to Europe and put it down to his own personal ambitions, but letting him join United would be as good as The reported transfer fee ending Walker's dream of another Premiership title.

UOTES OF THE TOURNAMENT

COMPILED BY PHIL SHAW

There are two possibilities from this tournament. Either I shall be kissed all over my bald head or I will have tomatoes thrown at it.

Arrigo Sacchi, Italy coach,
It's Bavarian state law that beer isn't alcohol. It's a means of nutrition. Jürgen Klinsmann at the height of "boozy Eng-

Gary Neville is petrified of you lot. He's young, he's reading the papers and he's coming up to me every two minutes asking: "Have you seen

what they're saying?" Terry Venables on his players' hostility to the press. I'm in disgrace - I've missed my son's wed-

Craig Brown, Scotland manager, quoting fan who approached him after Netherlands game. [Gazza] is not longer a fat, drunken imbecile... he is in fact a football genius.

Daily Mirror editional headed "Mr Paul Gascoigne:

An Apology", after his goal v Scotland.

I know there are far more important things in life than football, but if you cut me open and had a look inside right now it couldn't be a pretty sight. I don't know if I can sink any lower. Gary McAllister. Scotland captain, on that cru-

What am I to think when the coach [Guus Hiddink] has his hands and head up the backside of certain players? Edgar Davids, Dutch midfielder. Hiddink sent him home after one game.

a tremendous gentleman, with such a lovely family – it's going to be very hard for me to kick him. Tony Adams, England captain, on his Arsenal colleague and Dutch opponent.

D, singer with pop group Massive Attack, after England's rout of the Dutch. Forty thousand Englishmen can't be wrong.

about a referee. When Patrick Kluivert scored it was the same feeling as when Mei Gibson got hung, drawn and quartered at the end of Braveheart. Dominic Diamond, broadcaster and Scotland

inated the Scots. 12-page Scotland Agony Special – in colour! Daily Record billboards after Scots' exit. It's simple - if the fans are singing, they can't

fan, after late Dutch goal against England elim-

Harry Verdonk, trumpeter in Orange Hooters "oompah" band, who led Dutch fans' singing. We seem to be stuck on the "inger-lund, inger-tund, Inger-lund" chant. That may be a bit

boring but at least everybody knows the words. Helen Joslin, Football Supporters' Association

ELeeds United's idea of welcoming Spanish fans has been to play endless Julio Iglesias records over the PA. Spokesman at FSA "embassy" in Leeds.

Where's the beach? rtugal fans at FSA "embassy"... in Sheffield. Best regards to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the gentlemen people of England. Turkish banner at Nottingham.

English grass simply invites you to walk on it, to run on it or even throw yourself on it. I've decided to grow it in front of my house at home. Marijan Mirmic, Croatia goalkeeper.

Training has been cancelled. They have the

day off and are planning a shopping spree in Wigan. Scarborough is boring. Hristo Stoichkov, Bulganan striker, on why the squad were moving... to Stockton-on-Tees.

I didn't see whether the ball crossed the line.

It's not my problem. Anyway, England won the 1966 World Cup like that. Peter Mikkelsen, Danish referee, on Romanian goal-that-wasn't against Bulgaria.

Radek Bejbl is like Carlton Palmer without Racing Post before the Czech player's winner and man of the match award against Italy.

A goalkeeper is a goalkeeper because he

can't play football. Ruud Gullit, BBC pundit, after Russia's Stanislav Cherchesov gifted Italy a goal. Not only the cows are mad in England. The English press is also infected. El Mundo Deportivo newspaper, after "Spain

bashing stones before quarter-final. Whey are the English the only people in the world who still claim the ball crossed the line in the 1966 final? Bild, German tabloid, reacts to English press iingoism.

i've only taken one penalty before, for Crystal Palace at Ipswich. It was 2-2 in the 89th minute, I hit the post and we went down that year. But I think I'd be far more comfortable now than I was then. Gareth Southgate, England defender, tempting fate before his decisive miss in semi-final shoot-

out against Germany. Why didn't you just belt it?

Smicer finally makes his match The Czech Republic striker Czech coach, Dusan Uhrin, to

Vladimir Smicer received a take leave of absence for the welcome pass on Friday. It was a 24-hour one, and he used it need to book a special charter to marry Pavlina Vizkova in flight; his team were on the to marry Pavlina Vizkova in flight; his team were on the Prague. Honeymoon plans, of brink of elimination when course, include Sunday's Euro 3-2 down to Russia in the final 96 final against Germany. Thousands of fans filled

bunch, they were united by one

common notion: that to be Scottish

is to be better than anything else in

the world, a belief that their pas-

sionate endorsement for a toothless

football team only served to enhance.

In watching the Scots that day I think the English drew inspiration.

A realisation, perhaps, that letting

your hair down was not only per-

mitted on these occasions, but made.

them more enjoyable. Certainly the

atmosphere at the Scotland game

Dutch game was better still.

surpassed that of the Swiss, and the

By now "Three Lions" had es-tablished itself as the national foot-

ball anthem, each airing attracting

more support than the last. Strange

song this. Unaided by the public

address system it proved impossible

coming home", segment to the verse,

"Three lions on the shirt". As a

result the fans simply stuck with "Coming home, football's coming

home", a refreshingly non-partisan

the city's 13th-century Old Town Square following a civil ceremony attended by about 150 friends and relatives. As stitches gained during the semi-final with France, draped delight of the crowd.

He got permission from

ceremony. He almost did not minutes of their last group match. But with two minutes left. Smicer scored the equaliser to keep his country alive.
"I - always knew he was clever." said new father in law the couple emerged from the town hall Smicer, hair care-fully arranged to hide four did what he could to delay the wedding and prolong his free-dom with that goal." Czech fans last celebrated a red Slavia Prague club scarf Czech fans last celebrated around his black turedo to the a European Championship

victory in 1976, when Smicer was a year old.

FOOTBALL: THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE "Poborsky der ist klasse oder" ... which is German for: "That Poborsky is a class

Final . . -

Germany (1) _____ Kuntz 16 75,862

Discipline

Rangers poised to sign up £4m Albertz

last hurdle in their bid to sign German midfielder Jörg Albertz vesterday when Hamburg agreed to let him go for a re-

ported £4million. The 25-year old, who held talks with Rangers in Glasgow on Thursday, extended his contract with the Bundesliga club earlier this year. But the Hamburg president. Uwe Seeler, a £750,000 deal on Monday. told Albertz he would not stand in his way if he got a lucrative foreign offer.

Albertz said: "In Scotland I

have the chance to play in the Champions League, I couldn't turn down the offer, for both sporting and financial reasons." Rangers would not confirm the deal but said any statement

would be made next week.

of the Uefa executive commit-

tee since 1990, has decided not

position as FA chairman on July 11 after a distinguished 15 years

Wolves expect to announce Adrian Williams, the Reading captain and Wales centre-back. as their first summer signing in Sir Bert Millichip, a member

will not be putting his name forward for tomorrow's election at the Oueen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London. Sir Bert will also give up his

in the post. The 23-year-old defender Rene Schneider, who has spent Euro 96 on the sidelines, will return home to find he has been transferred from Hansa Rostock to the German champions, Borussia Dorumund, for to stand for re-election. He £1.3m.

ding to come to the game.

cial penalty miss against England.

Dennis (Bergkamp) is such a nice man, such

Apparently, the future is not orange.

Brian Moore, ITV commentator, complaining

Barbara Southgate to her son. Phil Shaw is co-author, with Peter Ball, of the forthcoming Umbro Book of Football Quotations



Germany resterday persuaded Uefa to bend their own rules in an attempt to field a fit team for tomorrow's European Championship final. Having threatened to reduce the final to a farce by playing their goal-keepers as outfield players, the favourites were given permission to call up two more play-

ers from Germany. The controversial decision which clearly flours competition rules - does mean the final is unlikely to be devalued. But one wonders if Uels. European football's governing body. would have been so understanding if it was the Czechs. who do not have an influential voice in the corridors of powers, who had been affected.

Berti Vogts, the German coach, was last night considering who to call up. Earlier in the tournament Vogts had refused to replace the injured Mario Basier when it was permissible.

instead gambling that the player would recover.

Vogts had earlier suggested that his reserve goalkeepers, Oliver Kahn and Oliver Reck, may play and had ordered outfield shirts for them. Had the match been vesterday the pair would have played - only 13 Gennans were able to train and they included Stefan Reuter and And Möller, both of whom are

suspended from the final. Germany's problems mean little can be inferred from the Group C meeting between these sides. Won comfortably by Germany at Old Trafford. So much has changed since, its only relevance is that it was the game in which Reuter and Möller collected their first bookings.

This observer, having ended the report of that match with the suggestion that spectators "may have seen the future champions", is tempted to boast. However, it would be stretching a point to pretend the Czechs had

Their subsequent arrival in the final is a testament to their

organisation and spirit as much as their ability. Having conceded six goals in the group stages. they kept successive clean sheets in the knock-out rounds.

including a spell of extra-time. Bert van Lingen, the assistant manager of the Dutch side which was beaten by the Czechs in the qualifying rounds, said: "We knew a year ago they were a good team. They remind me of

the Romanians in *Italia '90.*" Even so, it is a surprise to find them in the final. While most east European teams draw players from all over the continent, the Czechs have 15 home-based players, including some in the Second Division. That may change with Karol Poborsky at-

Group C: 9 June: lost to Germany 0-2 at Old Trafford: 14 June: beat Italy 2-1 (Nedwed, Bejbl) at Anfield; June 19: drew with Russia 3-3 (Suchoparek, Kuka, Smicer) at Anfield

Quarter-final: 23 June: beat Portugal 1-0 (Poborsky) at Vil-

Czech Republic

tracting Liverpool and Manchester United and goalkeeper Petr Kouba interesting Wolves. Poborsky, Patrik Berger and

Pavel Kuka are potential matchwinners. The latter pair are among five Bundesliga players - what an incentive they have to win. Kouba has a thigh strain and is said to be doubtful.

The Czechs are likely to field a five-man back line and a fourman midfield. As a boost to their "booze-and-bonking" image. which is attracting floating support as much as their "underdogs" tag, they promise to play Vladimir Smicer, who flew home on Thursday to get married.

dictated by the doctors. Jürgen

HOW THEY REACHED THE FINAL

Kohler and Mario Basier have already returned home with injury, while Fredi Bobic dislocated his shoulder last Sunday. Jürgen Klinsmann (calf), Thomas Helmer (knee), Steffen Freund (knee) are very doubtful; Christian Ziege (shin), Stefan Kuntz (calf) and Marcus Bode (pulled muscle), are merely doubtful.

Even the prospect of penalties would not give Germany the usual confidence. The Germans have not lost a penalty shoot-out in 20 years (scoring 18 of 19 kicks in that time) but the one they did is still remembered in Prague

It was in the final of the 1976 The German line-up will be Championships. They are said to be still searching the Belgrade

Group C: 9 June: beat Czech Republic 2-0 (Ziege, Möller) at Old Trafford; 16 June: beat Russia 3-0 (Sammer, Klins-mann 2) at Old Trafford; 19 June: drew with Italy 0-0 at

Semi-final: 26 June: drew with England 1-1 (Kuntz) aer:

blasted over Ivo Viktor's goal, while Antonin Panenka's chipped winner is continually copied - most recently by Dwight Yorke in the FA Cup against Sheffield United. That is the only time a Czech

ream has defeated a German one in 14 matches dating back to 1964 - when they were called West Germany and Czechoslovakia.

Before the tournament began there was a lot of talk about a "new nation", inspired by its restored sense of identity, doing well. Croatia failed to meet expectation but a less heralded newcomer - one which lost to Luxembourg in qualifying - has surpassed them.

Only 4,000 tickets have gone to the Czechs, 11,000 to Germany. Dusan Uhrin's side will have the bulk of neutral support in an allegedly "sold-out" crowd. If everyone turns up, it will be the largest attendance for a European Championship final in 32 years. It is unlikely to be the best one, but the Czechs could have one final surprise left.



Sammer heir to throne of **Beckenbauer**

Clive White on the sweeper who has played a key role in Germany's success

With his red hair and even redder face Matthias Sammer -"Feuerkopf", as he is known looks more like a Brit who has overdone the sunbathing on a Costa Brava beach than the heir to the throne of the bronzed Arvan, Franz Beckenbauer. Yet this is the man who has been described as the most complete German footballer since "the

Kaiser" and like the great man himself is expected to lead Germany their third European title at Wem-

bley tomorrow. Furthermore, many believe that the former East German, the first from the old country to play for unified Germany, is destined one day

tion's coach, just an, Hristo Stoichkov, to pick up two official man of the match awards at this championship, has made great strides in the game since his conversion from

midfielder to sweeper. His timely advances from the back, in the true fashion of a libero, have been crucial to the success of a German team that has yet to touch the heights of some of its forerunners. When Germany were overcome with self-doubt - a rare experience against Croatia, it was Sammer who forced the penalty from which Jürgen Klinsmann scored early on. And when the Croats were reduced to 10 men, it was again Sammer who was on hand to take full advantage of the sit-

international career of Lothar Matthäus has to be a bit special.

Yet Germany's Footballer of the Year never considers himself as such. After steering Borussia Dortmund to a second successive Bundesliga title last season, the 28-year-old said: "I can't play at that level for the rest of my life

- I'm not that great a player." Ottmar Hitzfeld, the Borussia coach, hinted at where he thought Sammer's career was leading when he said: "Of all my players, he is the only one who thinks as a coach.

Sammer: Complete player moved to ViB to become the nalike Beckenbauer. But that is for £730,000 in 1990 his salary inthe future. Sammer, the only creased thirtyfold. The "Ossi",

his West German connections.

uation to strike the winner. A man who has curtailed the

have had some thing to do with the fact that his father, Klaus, was once coach of Dvnamo Dresden, Sammer Jar's first club where he earned 1.320 East German marks a month. When

His thought-

ful approach to

Stuttgart for not forgiven or forgotten his past. "I feel sorry for the older pecple [of the GDR] for whom four decades of life were ruined," he said. Sammer himself was once investigated by the Stasi - the East German secret police - for

After his peerless performances in this tournament one might expect Serie. 4 clubs to be forming a queue outside the twin towers tomorrow, if it was not for the fact that he has already been tried and discarded by the Italians. Before joining Borussia, he spent a short spel with Internazionale, "I scored four goals in the first six games and then they bought Darko Pancev and I was out," he said. "It would have been good to stay but not for me as a man. Old Feuerkopf has already

Czechs ready for history to repeat itself

As if the success of the Czech ing England, They forget that Republic were not surprising we had four players suspended Republic were not surprising enough, their imminent appearance in the Euro 90 final provoked the unprecedented speciacie vesterday of a New-

castle United player defending negative tactics. Pavel Smicek, who will play in goal against Germany at Wembley tomorrow if Petr Kouba's thigh injury does not heal, was unrepentant in the face of suggestions that they were unduly defensive during

and another [Patrik Berger]

not fit to start. What that football utopian. Kevin Keegan, would make of his keeper's comments is open to conjecture. The Czechs are merely revelling in confounding experts and bookmakers alike. They put us at the bottom because they didn't know us." Smicek said, "They've changed

their tune now. were unduly defensive during the semi-final with France, about their priorities. We start "Look," he said, "people can say what they want but they would and build from there. We don't ; all swap places with us, includ- defend in separate blocks, but

Phil Shaw looks at the outsiders and the rewards they hope to win tomorrow

back. People talk about the contractual" agreement with skill of [Karel] Poborsky and Berger, rightly so, but the big thing is that we play as a unit. We were very tired in extra time on Wednesday, but we helped each other through."

The Czech Republic celebrate the penalty by Miroslay Kadlec after extra time that booked their place in the fina

Smicek is one of seven players based in the West. The final now becomes a shop window for those keen to follow. Pavel Nedved may be first. PSV Eindhoven having warned

as a team, from the strikers to Prague midfielder has a "pre-

Coventry want Slavia's Radek Bejbl, another midfielder, while his club-mate Poborsky, a wide attacker with the wild-haired look of a refugee from a rock festival, is linked with Liverpool, Kouba. if fit to play, could clinch a £1.5m move to Wolves.

Smieck rejects the theory that a spate of defections might off Lazio by claiming the Spar- emasculate Czech football just

as it is regaining respectability. Success abroad, he argued. stimulated interest at home by showing what its graduates could achieve.

A case in point is the elegant Berger. At 22, he has a German champions' medal with Borussia Dortmund, where Matthias Sammer is a colleague. "And there are more good young players coming through." Smicek said. "We have several here with us."

His own role model was Ivo Viktor, "our Gordon Banks" and now assistant to coach Dusan Uhrin, "I remember his farewell game and I bought the

of his inspiration, we've always had good keepers, even when the national team weren't doing well." Smicek watched on television

when Viktor helped Czecho-

slovakia beat West Germany, then World Cup holders and featuring Berti Vogts in defence, in the 1976 final. "We talked about the coincidence before we arrived. Our ice hockey team were world champions then, like now. When we said history was going to repeat itself, people said we were going too far. Now we feel we can do it - we're very

Youngsters of Europe united by football and fun

Today, a Derbyshire village could achieve what our national side was unable to do win Euro 96 for England, For the past week, cries of "We're on our way to Claphan;" have been echoing around Shardlow, whose team have conceded just one goal in their qualifying matches test your heart out. Terry Venables).

Wembley, unfortunately, is otherwise occupied on tinuts day tomorrow. But the sponsor Coca-Cola has not let a mere etail wreck the dreams of Inations. "If we can those it, we'll uild it." the company decided. or this week it constructed a replica of England schowpiece round - royal box ruins towrs and all—on south London's Japham Common, When you re 14 years old and you have ome all the way from Croata. Romania of Turkey, who ares if Wembler is on the grong side of the Thames?

Shardlow St James manag-. Gary Smith. is still slightly azed that his under-15 squad caned up in the Leads regional unlifier for the Coca-Cola Ju-European Immament. ae vix-a-side team, one of 64 competed at Roundhay c, is a pretty handy side, in-



AT THE OTHER **EURO 96**

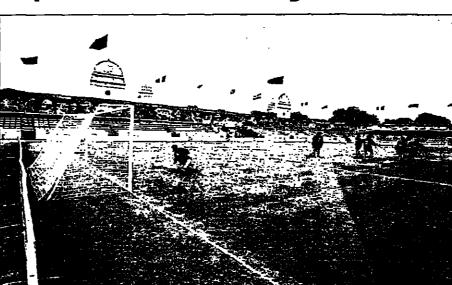
cluding Nathan Stanton, who has trials for Mansfield next season, and Garv's son Stephen. who has trained with Derby.

But this competition, for girls and boys, is not aimed at tomorrow's stars - players from schools of excellence are officially excluded. It is all part of the FA/Coca-Cola development programme, providing grassroots activities for children to play football. In this age group, the sport is refreshingly free of cynical tripping, shirt-tugging and body-checking. It is played for fun. not money, as an all-Asian team from Huddersfield shows.

Maqsood Akhtar's Extra Hot Five were knocked out in the early stages, "We're more used to playing five-a-side indoors than on grass. Maqsood said philosophically afterwards. Still, we have won two major five-a side events and represented Yorkshire in a national competition. That's pretty good, consid-

ering that the squad is run on a shoestring. Maysood pays most of their expenses himself. though he is studying for a BSc in leisure management and his only income comes from working as a part-time coach for Kirklees Council. "We can't afford to take part in an 11-a-side league because of a lack of finance." he says, "Asian businesses won't support us because they are more interested in cricket, while other businesses won't back us be-

cause we are all Asian." Tom Baxter, manager of Meanwood Boys, from Leeds. was disappointed that his team. winners of the Harrogate under-15 league for the past three years, were heaten in the semi-finals. The camcorder that went to the winning coach would have been nice, though he had planned to sell it and split football, there was an Army in-ball?" a sergeant said.



Wembley rebuilt on Clapham Common for the junior Euro 96

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the profits between his team anyhowever, was for his side to go to London and be scooped up by scouts from the major clubs, "This is what we aim at, but the clubs don't seem to send scouts round any more, sporting talent." Still, for youngsters who don't think they will make it at

formation office on hand at way. What he really wanted, Roundhay Park. Players who weren't worn out by a roundrobin of 10-minute matches could try their hand at an assault course, which led neatly to a recruiting exhibition. "The main questions they ask are: 'Will I be sent to Northern Ireland? and 'Will I be able to play foot-

Photograph; Edward Sykes Another bonus for the 300

players was the chance to kick a football with Tony Dorigo. (Exclusive! I want to stay at Leeds!) Cyrics suggested he was on a mission from Howard Wilkinson to find someone under 30 for the Leeds squad. Unfortunately for the Leeds scout it was a girl. Louise Marshall, who looked the most skilful

player. Louise, who plays for Moriey Girls, headed the ball without a break more than 60 times (significantly more than Baddiel and Skinner managed on Fantasy Football). But even at six-a-side, it's no good relying on one star. Her side came nowhere, beaten by eventual winners Leeds United Girls.

Seven girls' teams took part, though there were more at several of the other qualifiers. The idea that they should be considered equal to the boys came as quite a shock to some. They were really surprised to find there were medals and cups for them as well," said Coca-Cola's Rob Cohen. Leeds may have been only

one of eight regional finals, but the event drew heavy media attention. Most pressmen, however, were competing in the area finals of Coca-Cola's young reporter competition. The winner was 10-year-old Charles Parry from Acomb. He practises by turning down the television and commentating on matches for his grandmother, who is blind. "I want to be a sports reporter when I am older, but for a newspaper rather than radio," Charles said. Good man.

He picked up slightly under the National Union of Journalists official rate for match reporting, going home with a hat and a T-shirt. But with budding backs from regional beats in the other seven host cities. he travelled to London for the finals. A dazzling analysis of England's midfield deficiencies there could win him a far greater reward - a trip to

Today's round-robin matches will decide which of the eight teams will represent England. The internationals take place tomorrow. Group matches will mirror the senior event, with England playing Scotland, the Netherlands and Switzerland at first. Winning teams - boys and girls - get a free trip to Brazil, which includes games against junior sides there, coaching from Brazilian internationals and the chance to have their performances dissected in print by

the winning young reporter. Coca-Cola has been so impressed by the success of mini-Euro 96 that it is looking at a similar event in two years' time. If that went ahead, we might even see Shardlow playing Brazil in the World Cup final.

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'Most of all there was a feeling that English supporters englit, just might, have a way to express their nationalism without becoming a national embarrassmer How the fans played a blinder



Henman tries to keep up the impe

JOHN ROBERTS

Tennis Correspondent

It is argued that the event is bigger than any player, as was any player, as was demonstrated in 1973, the year of the ATP boycott, when the leading men stayed away but the crowds did not. The theory may be about to be put to the test again.

Boris Becker was the latest terday, injury causing the threetimes former champion to join Andre Agassi, Monica Seles and Stefan Edberg in a procession through the exit with the tournament only five days old.

seed and French Open champion, also disappeared early, but that counts as a bonus, Tim Henman's brilliant first-round victory against the Russian giving the British No 1 the impetus to drive on towards the fourth round.

Henman was on the brink of securing his place in the second week when rain interrupted play yesterday. He was leading his compatriot. Luke Milligan, 6-1, 6-3, 5-4 and was about to major personality to fall yes- serve for the match. But whoever emerges victorious, any euphoria will be tempered by the injury to Becker.

The 28-year-old German, who was seeded to meet Pete

final retired after damaging his right wrist during his third-round match on Court No 1 against Neville Godwin, a South African qualifier ranked No 223 in the world.

Becker hit a second service return wide off the frame on the opening point of a first set tiebreak, dropped his racket, and grabbed his wrist in agony. The trainer bandaged the injury, but Becker abandoned the court after attempting a couple of practice swings.
"The second serve was sliding

into my body, and I turned my body away and I hit the ball on frame, very late, and the wrist gave way and I heard something ament only five days old. Sampras, the defending cham-go pop, Becker said. "I thought Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the fifth pion, in a reprise of last year's I had broken my wrist."

piece of bone could be chipped off from the tendon.

His wife, Barbara, covered her face while Becker was receiving treatment, and his early depar-

playing great tennis, the draw didn't look too bad, and it's a very serious disappointment.
"An injury never comes at the

Wimbledon. It's the highlight of

chance to win it this year as I've

came the youngest and only un-

Becker, who in 1985 be-

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YESTERDAY AT WIMBLEDON njury forces Becker to withdraw

ture was a disappointment for the five members of the German tournament a year where I refootball team who had come to ally would like to do well, it's support him. my season, and I had as good a

Becker, who won his sixth Grand Slam singles title at the Australian Open in January, missed the French Open because of a thigh injury. "I guess this one feels much worse," he said, "because I was one of the champion, aged 17, has expe-

Glenn Moore hears England's new coach outline his plans

The trainer thinks that a few who had a serious chance of rienced his greatest moments winning the whole thing. I was at the All England Club, along with some of the lower points of his career.

He successfully defended the title in 1986 and won it again in 1989. But in 1987 he was defeated in the second round on Court No 1 by the Australian Peter Doohan. Apart from Doohan, and Goran Ivanisevic, who won their semi-final two vears ago, every player who has heaten Becker since 1985 has gone on to win the title.

While that statistic might impress Godwin, he will do well to extend the record, even though the lower half of the draw is wide open.

"He played a very good set," Becker acknowledged, "and he

seems to have a pretty good feel for the ball.

Godwin had mixed emotions. "It feels great, obviously, to be in the fourth round at Wimbledon," he said. "It's somethin I'm sure any tennis playdreams of. But obviously the way I would have liked get there. I would have like win the match fair and sou but I guess these days you'

what you can get." He added: "I was no during the warm-up and first couple of games, but I relaxed a bit and ever seemed to be going smoother. I was feelin and waiting for the match ry on, and I guess it just 4

Hoddle promises no sudden changes

No new brooms, but probably a sweeper, that was the gist of Glenn Hoddle's first message to the nation as coach of England.

As the village of Bisham re-Hoddle eased himself into the

Venables' adoption of continental ideas.

"My philosophy is not too different to Terry's. The system will be tinkered with but there won't turned to normal yesterday be drastic changes. It won't differ that much from what I did seat so recently occupied by Ter- at Swindon and Chelsea. There ry Venables. With John Gor- will just be slight changes to take

to build on the foundations provided by Terry Venables players pushed into midfield. It you don't feel you have the right to arrange a preliminary get-is similar to the way the Ger-person it would be silly to do it. together so he will travel to key

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mans have played for a long man, his assistant, sitting alongside Hoddle stressed that he was seeking to build on play with three at the back and we will play with a sweeper. If

Gorman hinted that he and Hoddle did have someone in Hoddle intends to play with mind. "The best player I have Poland once and are due to see a sweeper - if he can find one. seen doing it was Glenn," Gor-Moldova again," Hoddle said. demand we play with a sweeper. and he would go into midfield and give them a problem. There is a player in this country who is possibly ready to do that."
Venables had suggested

Gareth Southgate could, was that who they had in mind? "Gareth has done magnificently, he has been a real bonus but there might be another guy in the squad, lurking," Gorman replied. "Almost every player who goes into that position has

a younger player.

It does not have to be in place for the Moldova game, we are looking to the luture. Intriguing. As well as South-gate Paul Ince. Sol Campbell

been a midfielder. It might be

and Gary Neville come to mind, or even Jamie Redknapp. The Moldova match is on 1 September in Chisinau where both Wales and Georgia have lost. It is both Hoddle's debut and the first match of the World Cup qualifying campaign. With Italy. Poland and Georgia also in the group England need to win it. Hoddle has nine weeks and three Premiership programmes

in which to select his team. Time constraints mean he is unable

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"We have seen Moldova and

players to discuss his aims.

Hoddle: Sweeping questions

stressed "the door was open" to all, he is likely to use the bulk of Venables' squad in the early

Hoddle has a special incentive to qualify (not that he needs one). France is where he developed his coaching ambitions and ideas under the influence of the Monaco coach Arsene Wenger. "It would be fair to say if I had not gone to Monaco I would not be sitting here today," he said.

When I went there I didn't really have any desire to stay in the new coach.

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management. It was working with him and the founds system that made me think yes. I fancy putting a few of those ideas down on paper and maybe, one

day, trying them out on a pitch'." Both men said they had learned from Euro 96 with Gorwas qualifying for France in 1998, not building a team to do well once there. To that end he amount in mining that Hoddle's preference for attacking full-backs may be adapted after seeing Venables playing the same system with attacking playing. Anderton, in those positions.

In the long term, hinted Hoddle, he may bring dieticians, masseurs and other such specialists into the England set-up. First he has to meet Venables' support staff to decide if any are to stay on. The only certainty is Don Howe who is directly employed by the FA and, in his role of technical co-ordinator, has tasks outside the coaching of the England team.

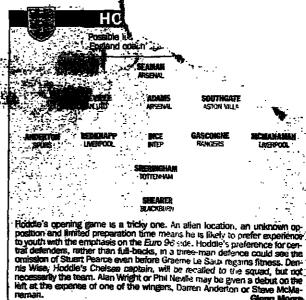
Hoddle will also be tapping Venables' thoughts, the outgoing coach will doubtless pass on the German files on Moldova and Georgia which Berti Vogts promised Venables this week.

"[England] were very pleas-g. Hoddle said. "From a selfish point of view it may have been easier for me if we had come out of the tournamen in the first stages but I wouldn't have wanted that. The increased expectation does not make it harder, success breeds success. The positive vibe around the country has got to

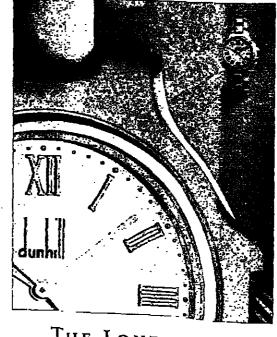
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